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More cases of sexual assault surface in Manipur

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

Two days after three women were disrobed and paraded naked, with one of them being raped, in Thoubal district of Manipur, a 45-year-old woman was stripped and set ablaze in Imphal East on May 6. A photo of the charred body of the woman has now surfaced on social media.

On Thursday, 10 Manipur legislators from the Kuki-Zo community, including seven from the ruling BJP, released a statement mentioning at least four more incidents of rape or murder of women belonging to their community since May 3. These are among a series of crimes committed against women since ethnic violence erupted in the State.

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PM's absence in both Houses spurs Opposition protests

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

INDIA coalition members demand a debate on Manipur issue and Delhi civil services row

Prime Minister Narendra Modi remained absent from both Houses of Parliament on Friday, leading to another day of protests, with the Opposition remaining steadfast in its demand that he deliver a statement on the ethnic strife in Manipur, and that it be followed by a structured debate.

Opposition parties of the INDIA alliance are likely to hold a sit-in on Monday on the issue.

In the Lok Sabha, the day began with the Opposition MPs – carrying for the first time INDIA placards – raising slogans asking the Prime Minister to come to Parliament. Speaker Om Birla's persistent appeals for order were lost in the din. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, who is also the Deputy Leader of the House, said the government was ready for a discussion on Manipur. "I have said this at the all-party meeting and I want to reiterate here that there should be discussions on Manipur incidents," he said.

He blamed the Opposition for not being "sincere" in its demand for a debate on Manipur.

When the Opposition did not pay heed, the Speaker adjourned the House till noon. Similar scenes were repeated when the House reassembled.

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Modi raises aspirations of Tamils with Ranil

PM calls for implementation of 13th Amendment and provincial elections in the island country; Sri Lankan President lauds India for support offered during financial crisis over the past year

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

India expects Sri Lanka to implement the 13th Amendment and ensure a "life of dignity and respect" for its Tamil population, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Friday.

Welcoming Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe to India, Mr. Modi said both sides had held talks on a number of infrastructure projects that could ensure greater connectivity between the two countries.

He also announced a development assistance package for the Tamils of Indian origin who are marking the 200th anniversary of their arrival in the island nation.

Boosting ties: Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Sri Lankan President Wickremesinghe in New Delhi on Friday. R.V. MOORTHY

"We also talked about reconstruction and reconciliation in Sri Lanka. President Wickremesinghe presented his inclusive approach. We hope that Sri Lanka will fulfil the aspirations of the Tamils. We expect that Sri Lanka will take forward the process of rebuilding for equality, justice and peace. We hope that Sri Lanka will fulfil its commitment to implement the Thirteenth Amendment and to hold Provincial Council elections," Mr. Modi said delivering his remarks in Hindi.

President Wickremesinghe expressed his government's "profound appreciation" for the support that India has extended to Sri Lanka over the past year, which he described as the "most challenging period in Sri Lanka's modern history".

Mr. Modi and Mr. Wickremesinghe spoke at the end of bilateral talks held at Hyderabad House where the two sides exchanged documents on cooperation in the field of animal husbandry, renewable energy, development projects in Trincomalee district in eastern Sri Lanka, and online payment services between the two sides.

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Nandini milk price likely to go up by ₹3 a litre from August 1

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The consumer price of Nandini brand milk being sold by the Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) is set to go up by ₹ 3 a litre from August 1, as the government has given its consent for the rise at a meeting on Friday, according to KMF president Bheema Naik.

A notification regarding the increase in sale prices would be issued after a clearance from the State Cabinet, he said and added that the decision was aimed at strengthening the co-operative dairy sector that is under distress.

The meeting on Friday was attended by representatives of KMF, presidents and directors of district milk co-operatives and senior officials and convened by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

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Day after rain

Flood threat: Water from the Hussainsagar Lake in Hyderabad overflowing into the surplus canal on Friday, post heavy rain in the city the previous day. With good inflows, most reservoirs in Telangana are brimming. NAGARA GOPAL (REPORT ON PAGE 9)

Centre says it will not notify fact checking unit till September 4

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

New rules require social media intermediaries to modify or delete content if the FCU directs them to do so

The Centre on Friday informed the Bombay High Court that it will not notify till September 4 the fact check unit (FCU) under the recently amended Information Technology (IT) Rules to identify fake social media content on the government.

Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta requested a Division Bench of Justices Gautam Patel and Neela Gokhale to adjourn the hearing as he has to appear before the Supreme Court.

"My difficulty is that the Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court will commence hearing arguments in matters pertaining to Article 370 [which gave a special status to Jammu and Kashmir] from August 2. I need to make some preparations for that," he said.

The court has heard arguments by advocates of all the petitioners and was going to hear Mr. Mehta's arguments on July 27 and 28. However, it posted the hearing for August 31 and September 1. Mr. Mehta made the statement that the FCU not be notified till September 4.

On April 21, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology had said it will not notify the FCU till July 5. This deadline has been extended time and again.

Concerns

The court was hearing a petition filed by political satirist Kunal Kamra, the Editors Guild of India and the Association of Indian Magazines and regional channels. They are all challenging the constitutional validity of the IT (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Amendment Rules, 2023. The new rules require social media intermediaries to censor or otherwise modify content that relates to the Union government, if the government-mandated FCU directs them to do so.

Under the new rules, the content marked by the FCU as "fake or misleading" will have to be taken down by online intermediaries if they wish to retain their "safe harbour".

The FCU will flag online posts about the "business of the Central government" that are false or misleading. The HC had voiced doubts about the assumption of a "true/false binary" and asked why the unit's scope was limited to "government business".

NEARBY

BJP, JD (S) vow to put up a united fight against govt.

BENGALURU
Amid speculation of a possible alliance between the BJP and the JD(S) ahead of the Lok Sabha polls, former Chief Ministers H.D. Kumaraswamy and Basavaraj Bommai on Friday held a joint press conference at the JD(S) Legislature Party office to announce that they will put up a united fight against the Congress government in the State. » Page 8

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Pandemic effect: Schools notice drastic increase in tech dependency among young children

Jahnavi T.R.
BENGALURU

How much technology is too much technology? Educationists and experts say that it is when kindergarten or primary school student starts asking their teachers to give them mobile phones to play.

Many schools across the city have observed that in the two years since the pandemic, technological dependency or preference among children has increased drastically. A preschool staffer recently noted on social media that students were often playing with their pencil kits or dusters in classrooms pretending that they were their phones.

The increased preference of children to use technology has been identified as a concern even at the SHUT clinic at NIMHANS. FILE PHOTO

While most schools have a strict, no-phone/gadget policy at school, they said that not much could be done when parents themselves start using phones as a way to pacify their children. "There have been a few cases where younger children have asked for a particular gadget. We discourage the use of any kind of gadgets in schools. Even the LED panels in classrooms are completely operated by the teachers," said Sunil Fernandes S.J., principal, St. Joseph's Boys High School.

"At home, when the children throw tantrums or are cranky, we have observed that some parents give them their phones as it will keep them occupied or distract them. We give them regular instructions to reduce this. At the school, we believe in creating healthy alternatives to handle the children, maybe by engaging them in activities of solving a puzzle or playing word building or taking a walk inside the school," he added.

The increased preference of children to use technology has been identified as a concern even at the SHUT clinic at NIMHANS, one of the premier technology de-addiction and counselling clinics in the country.

"When they do not have any structured activities, there is a preference among children to spend time with technology. Many factors like urban families and single-child families contribute to the use and preference of technology among children. We have seen young parents of children who are five to six years old come to our clinic and seek advice on how to reduce tech use," said Manoj Sharma, professor of clinical psychology and coordinator of the SHUT clinic.

He further said, "The kind of queries we are getting on our helpline and even when we go to schools or parent talks, where they want to know how to manage tech usage among children clearly indicates that this an emerging concern."

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SC does not allow interim suspension of Rahul's conviction

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday issued notice to complainant Purnesh Modi and the State of Gujarat in a petition filed by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi seeking a stay of his conviction in a criminal defamation case.

A Bench led by Justice B.R. Gavai listed the case for hearing on August 4.

The case relates to Mr. Gandhi's "Modi" surname remark in a political speech during a rally in Karnataka in 2019.

A request by senior advocate A.M. Singhvi and advocate Prasanna S., appearing for Mr. Gandhi, for an "interim suspension" of the conviction was refused.

Rahul Gandhi

Justice Gavai said that it cannot be done without hearing the rival side first. "At this stage, without hearing the other side, how can we...?" he asked.

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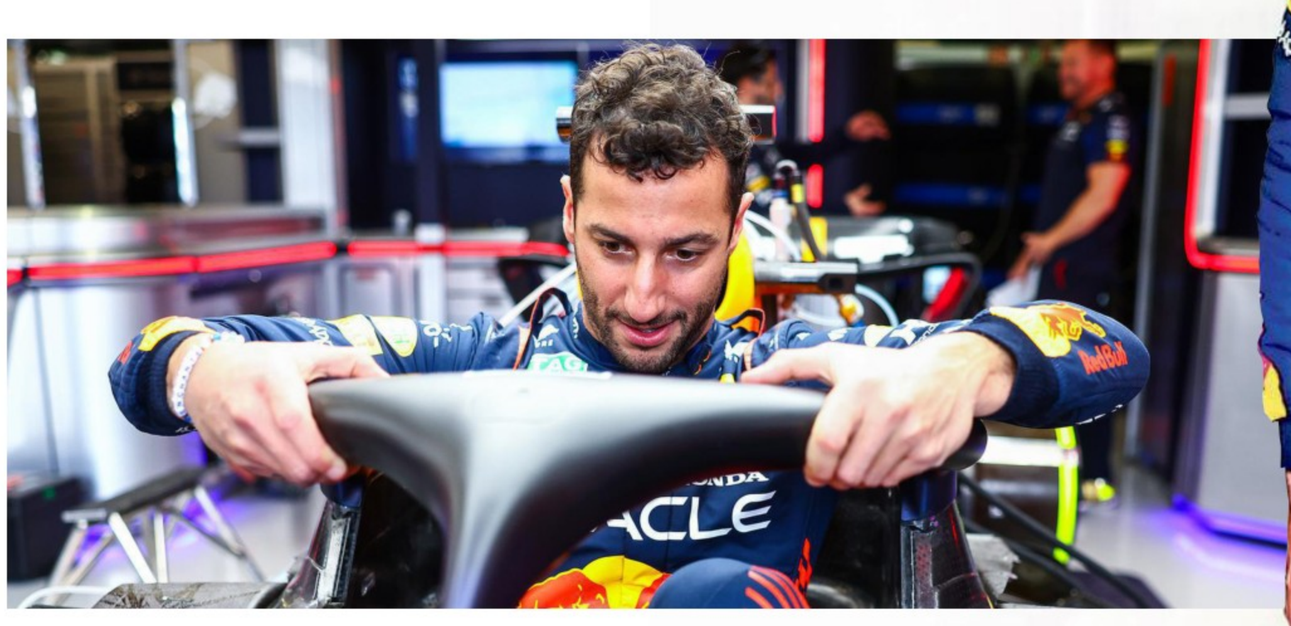
Deconstructing Ricciardo's gap-year breakthrough

The 'Honey Badger' chose to bide his time as a reserve driver for the Red Bull-owned teams after McLaren terminated his contract in 2022. So what does he hope to achieve by accepting a seat at bottom-ranked AlphaTauri following Nyck de Vries' sudden sacking?



S. Dipak Ragav

Almost a year after McLaren paid him not to race for the team in 2023, following two poor years on the track, Daniel Ricciardo will be back on the Formula One grid from this weekend's Hungarian Grand Prix, driving for AlphaTauri.

The Australian will replace rookie Nyck de Vries, who was given the boot after just 10 races this season. The Dutch driver made his debut last year for Williams at the Italian GP and scored points, which was enough to convince Helmut Marko, advisor to Red Bull and head of the team's junior driver programme, to hire the 28-year-old for AlphaTauri's second seat.

However, Marko, known for his ruthless approach to handling drivers, lost patience with de Vries, who could not finish better than 12th this season, and turned to Ricciardo, who is trying to resurrect his career.

Life has come full circle for Ricciardo, who had his first full season with the same outfit (known as Toro Rosso) in 2012 before graduating to the main team: Red Bull Racing. Ever since he left the Red Bull stable in 2019 to join Renault (now Alpine), Ricciardo's career has gone off the rails despite registering McLaren's only win post 2012 (Italy 2021).

Spectacular fall

With Lando Norris demolishing him during their two years together at McLaren, Ricciardo's stock was at an all-time low. He chose to take a demotion and become a reserve driver for the Red Bull-owned teams. It was a spectacular fall from grace for the 34-year-old who was once considered a future world champion.

Indeed, Ricciardo even had the measure of Max Verstappen, the two-time reigning champion, in the Dutch prodigy's early years at Red Bull. But as Verstappen got quicker and shifted the balance of power towards him, Ricciardo felt he needed to leave the Red Bull nest to fly higher.

> It feels a bit like back when I was working my way up through the Red Bull family. I'm looking forward to using my experience, and ultimately, for Budapest, just to have fun
>
> **DANIEL RICCIARDO**

After some troubles with the Renault machinery initially, Ricciardo found his groove, comfortably seeing off Nico Hulkenberg and Esteban Ocon. But it was also surprising that before the delayed 2020 season started, he decided to jump ship to McLaren to replace the Ferrari-bound Carlos Sainz. At McLaren, he started slowly like at Renault, but never could find his feet even as a young upstart in Norris adapted excellently to the McLaren car's tricky demands. Ricciardo's position became untenable as he scored only a third of Norris' points in 2022 while being paid a significantly larger salary of 20 million euros.

Ricciardo is a colourful character with an ever-present wide grin. His return will certainly liven up the F1 paddock. But for someone who 10 months ago decided against taking a seat just to make up the numbers, it is a surprise decision to drive for the least competitive team on the grid.

So what is the upside for the 'Honey Badger'?

Perhaps Ricciardo, seeing Perez's struggle in the second Red Bull seat, senses an opportunity to secure a long-term move to the team with which he won seven races (2014-2018). In an era of limited testing, mileage under the belt is priceless. Half a season in a less-stressful environment against the young Yuki Tsunoda, who isn't an elite driver yet, could have many benefits.

Time running out

Moreover, time is running out for the 34-year-old. This is his last chance to show Red Bull what he is capable of, which he might be able to do if he recovers his mojo, away from the pressure of being beaten by Norris.

The move to AlphaTauri was announced after Ricciardo, in his role as Red Bull reserve driver, completed a Pirelli tyre test at Silverstone after the British GP.

Red Bull boss Christian Horner, assessing Ricciardo's simulator work at the start of the year, had felt his former employee had picked up some bad driving habits from his time at McLaren. But he was encouraged by what he saw in the test.

Speaking to the F1 Nation Podcast, Horner said, "What impressed me the most, and I went up to have a look at the test, was bearing in mind he hasn't driven this car and hadn't been in a car for seven months, within his third or fourth lap he was down to a time that was within a second of what our drivers were achieving. Then, his first proper run, as it were, on tyres that were comparable, you could see his confidence was growing and growing. That first [flying] lap of probably what was his seventh lap of the day would have put him on the front of the grid. So it was hugely impressive."

While Horner has said that the team is backing Perez – who is under contract until the end of 2024 – the signing of a proven race winner in the sister team could also be a way to keep the Mexican on his toes. Horner conceded as well that the option of coming to Red Bull in 2025 had driven Ricciardo to take on a tough assignment for the rest of the year and that the team is happy to evaluate a backup option for the second seat.

Perez has had a wretched run of races, qualifying outside the top ten in the last five events. He currently finds himself 99 points behind Verstappen.

Stinging indictment

While Ricciardo is just one piece of the puzzle in the latest driver jigsaw at Red Bull/AlphaTauri, the firing of de Vries is also a stinging indictment of Red Bull's junior programme.

In 2006, the energy drink manufacturer bought Minardi, which became Toro Rosso (now AlphaTauri), to push its junior drivers into F1 and have more say in the sport's affairs with enhanced voting power. The intention of offering junior drivers two seats to cut their F1 teeth without them needing to bring in money from sponsors for the team budget is well-intentioned. To be sure, it is the stuff of dreams for aspiring young racers. But the gig also comes with the sword of Damocles hanging over the drivers.

> Obviously, our drivers are going to be Max [Verstappen] and Checo [Perez] again next year, but ... I think [the way] Daniel is viewing AlphaTauri, he firmly wants to be pitching for that 2025 Red Bull
>
> **CHRISTIAN HORNER**
> Red Bull team principal

The team has churned through so many promising talents; some lasted a couple of years and some even less, as we saw last week. Marko hired de Vries impulsively, and by casting him away similarly, has raised questions about the future of the junior programme and junior team.

The logical choice would have been to promote the team's other reserve driver, the much younger Liam Lawson, currently fighting for the Super Formula title in Japan. Red Bull has often thrown drivers into the deep end and it is unlikely the 21-year-old New Zealander would have chosen the Super Formula title over an F1 debut.

But for now, the world of Formula One will be happy to see the 'Honey Badger' back. If he can rework some of his old magic with those sensational late-braking overtakes, it will add a much-needed spark to what has been a lacklustre season.

STACKING UP

ATP Men's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Carlos Alcaraz	20	9,675	19
2	Novak Djokovic	36	8,795	17
3	Daniil Medvedev	27	6,520	23
4	Casper Ruud	24	5,005	23
5	Stefanos Tsitsipas	24	4,850	22
6	Holger Rune	20	4,825	25
7	Andrey Rublev	25	4,525	25
8	Jannik Sinner	21	3,975	23
9	Taylor Fritz	25	3,310	25
10	Frances Tiafoe	25	3,130	23
11	Karen Khachanov	27	3,035	21
12	Felix Auger-Aliassime	22	2,770	22
13	Cameron Norrie	27	2,610	23
14	Tommy Paul	26	2,320	25
15	Borna Coric	26	2,315	21

Top Indians ▶

Sumit Nagal
Rank 231 ▼ 6 spots

Sasikumar Mukund
Rank 356 ▲ 29 spots

WTA Women's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Iga Swiatek	22	9,315	19
2	Aryna Sabalenka	25	8,845	18
3	Elena Rybakina	24	5,465	21
4	Jessica Pegula	29	5,395	19
5	Caroline Garcia	29	4,865	25
6	Ons Jabeur	28	4,846	18
7	Coco Gauff	19	3,390	20
8	Petra Kvitova	33	3,341	16
9	Maria Sakkari	27	3,310	23
10	Marketa Vondrousova	24	3,106	15
11	Daria Kasatkina	26	3,010	26
12	Barbora Krejcikova	27	2,870	22
13	Beatriz Haddad Maia	27	2,745	24
14	Veronika Kudermetova	26	2,570	23
15	Belinda Bencic	26	2,560	18

Top Indians ▶

Ankita Raina
Rank 199 ▼ 2 spots

Karman Thandi
Rank 261 ▼ 28 spots

F1 Drivers' standings

#	Driver	Team	Points	Wins
1	Max Verstappen	Red Bull	255	8
2	Sergio Perez	Red Bull	156	2
3	Fernando Alonso	Aston Martin	137	0
4	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	121	0
5	Carlos Sainz	Ferrari	83	0
6	George Russell	Mercedes	82	0
7	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari	74	0
8	Lance Stroll	Aston Martin	44	0
9	Lando Norris	McLaren	42	0
10	Esteban Ocon	Alpine	31	0
11	Oscar Piastri	McLaren	17	0
12	Pierre Gasly	Alpine	16	0
13	Alex Albon	Williams	11	0
14	Nico Hulkenberg	Haas	9	0
15	Valtteri Bottas	Alfa Romeo	5	0
16	Zhou Guanyu	Alfa Romeo	4	0
17	Yuki Tsunoda	AlphaTauri	2	0
18	Kevin Magnussen	Haas	2	0
19	Logan Sargeant	Williams	0	0
20	Nyck de Vries	AlphaTauri	0	0

Max Verstappen

Sergio Perez

F1 Constructors' standings

Pos	Team	Points	Wins
1	Red Bull	411	10
2	Mercedes	203	0
3	Aston Martin	181	0
4	Ferrari	157	0
5	McLaren	59	0
6	Alpine	47	0
7	Williams	11	0
8	Haas	11	0
9	Alfa Romeo	9	0
10	AlphaTauri	2	0

Badminton Men's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	Viktor Axelsen	101,205	12
2	Anthony Sinisuka Ginting	87,211	15
3	Kunlavut Vitidsarn	76,528	16
4	Kodai Naraoka	75,635	20
5	Li Shi Feng	71,448	20
6	Shi Yu Qi	70,554	18
7	Chou Tien Chen	68,627	19
8	Loh Kean Yew	67,782	18
9	Jonatan Christie	67,541	14
10	Prannoy H. S.	66,957	17
11	Kenta Nishimoto	60,517	20
12	Lakshya Sen	56,201	19
13	Lu Guang Zu	54,790	17
14	Ng Ka Long Angus	54,522	19
15	Kanta Tsuneyama	54,271	19

Top Indians ▶

Prannoy H. S.
Rank 10

Lakshya Sen
Rank 12

Badminton Women's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	Akane Yamaguchi	104,517	15
2	An Se Young	102,264	14
3	Chen Yu Fei	93,396	13
4	Tai Tzu Ying	88,486	12
5	He Bing Jiao	79,974	15
6	Carolina Marin	76,890	17
7	Ratchanok Intanon	66,103	16
8	Gregoria Mariska Tunjung	63,011	19
9	Han Yue	61,480	18
10	Pornpawee Chochuwong	56,979	18
11	Wang Zhi Yi	55,950	15
12	Beiwen Zhang	53,995	20
13	Busanan Ongbamrungphan	53,444	14
14	Michelle Li	52,711	19
15	Mia Blichfeldt	49,759	18

Top Indians ▶

P.V. Sindhu
Rank 17

Saina Nehwal
Rank 36

Test Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Kane Williamson	883	919
2	Travis Head	874	884
3	Babar Azam	862	882
4	Steve Smith	855	947
5	Marnus Labuschagne	849	937
6	Joe Root	842	923
7	Usman Khawaja	824	847
8	Daryl Mitchell	792	800
9	Dimuth Karunaratne	780	783
10	Rohit Sharma	751	813

Test Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	R. Ashwin	884	904
2	Pat Cummins	828	914
3	Kagiso Rabada	825	902
4	James Anderson	805	903
5	Shaheen Afridi	787	836
6	Stuart Broad	781	880
7	Ravindra Jadeja	779	899
8	Ollie Robinson	777	820
9	Nathan Lyon	775	799
9	Jasprit Bumrah	764	835

ODI Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Babar Azam	886	898
2	Rassie van der Dussen	777	796
3	Fakhar Zaman	755	784
4	Imam-ul-Haq	745	815
5	Shubman Gill	738	738
6	Harry Tector	726	726
6	David Warner	726	880
8	Virat Kohli	719	911
9	Quinton de Kock	718	813
10	Rohit Sharma	707	885

ODI Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Josh Hazlewood	705	733
2	Mohammed Siraj	691	736
3	Mitchell Starc	686	783
4	Rashid Khan	682	806
5	Matt Henry	667	691
6	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	661	712
7	Trent Boult	660	775
8	Adam Zampa	652	655
8	Shaheen Afridi	630	688
10	Shakib Al Hasan	618	717

T20I Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Suryakumar Yadav	906	910
2	Mohammad Rizwan	811	875
3	Babar Azam	756	896
4	Aiden Markram	748	796
5	Rilee Rossouw	724	724
6	Muhammad Waseem	716	716
7	Devon Conway	709	831
8	Dawid Malan	705	915
9	Aaron Finch	680	900
10	Jos Buttler	670	674

T20I Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Rashid Khan	713	816
2	Josh Hazlewood	690	806
3	Wanindu Hasaranga	686	797
4	Maheesh Theekshana	684	684
5	Adil Rashid	684	746
6	Adam Zampa	678	743
7	Fazalhaq Farooqi	677	692
8	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	676	745
9	Sam Curran	673	688
10	Anrich Nortje	667	695

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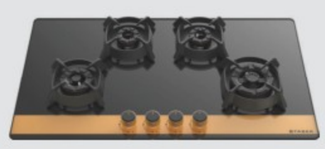

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Kaverappa's keep-it-simple 'top of off' mantra works a treat

The 24-year-old Karnataka pacer dominated the Duleep Trophy, snaring the likes of Pujara, Suryakumar and Sarfaraz. With his impeccable control, natural outswing and ability to also shape the ball in, he is one of the country's most exciting fast-bowling prospects

Ashwin Achal

After ripping through North Zone with a five-for in the Duleep Trophy semifinal at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru recently, Vidwath Kaverappa was asked to explain the secret to his success.

The fast-bowler was quick to respond. "On any pitch, if you hit the top of off-stump line, every batsman in the world will find it difficult," Kaverappa said.

This may appear to be overtly simple, but it has worked wonders. Just by sticking to the basics, Kaverappa had made a brilliant start to his First Class career, taking 49 wickets in 12 matches (with four five-wicket hauls).

He was the standout performer in the Duleep Trophy, winning the 'Player of the Series' award for his 15 wickets in two games. In the final against a strong West Zone, Kaverappa scalped the likes of Cheteshwar Pujara, Suryakumar Yadav and Sarfaraz Khan to end with figures of seven for 53 in the first essay.

Kaverappa's self-analysis is spot on. The 24-year-old Karnataka cricketer can bowl on off-stump or just outside off all day, while keeping the perfect length. To make matters worse for batters, Kaverappa possesses a natural outswinger.

An outside edge is always on the cards. He can also take the ball the other way, as seen in the West Zone outing when Pujara was coaxed into flicking an in-dipper into the hands of leg-gully.

> I have to seek ways to get purchase from the pitch... I've watched great bowlers like Dale Steyn and Mohammed Shami. I've seen Shami's bowling a lot recently — how good his seam presentation is

Kaverappa's impeccable control makes him a captain's dream. The slip cordon can remain packed, the sweeper cover is unnecessary, given that Kaverappa hardly ever offers loose deliveries. He presents a relentless test of patience for batters, who more often than not, are just a lazy (or frustrated) waft away from returning to the pavilion.

It must be said that Kaverappa benefits from playing in an age when most First Class batters are unwilling to dig in for the long haul. Even a few quiet overs will prompt an expansive shot, giving the consistent Kaverappa a chance to capitalise.

He has the skills to excel on different pitches – a trait he showed on the sticky M. Chinnaswamy Stadium strip. Kaverappa explained that using backspin was the way to go, so he could keep the seam dead straight, which helps the ball to hold slightly in the surface and deviate after pitching.

A few weeks before the start of the Duleep Trophy, Kaverappa had travelled to Windhoek with the Karnataka team for five one-day matches against the Namibia national team. He picked up six wickets from four bowling innings in the series and gained valuable match practice on his maiden overseas tour.

Exposure trip

"It was nice to play outside India for the first time. It was good exposure for us to play against a national team. The conditions, the ground, the weather, the pitches, the players – everything was different. It was a good challenge for us," he said.

Kaverappa made his senior debut for Karnataka at the end of the 2021-22 Ranji Trophy season, at a time when the side was in a transitional phase. The famed speedster trio of Vinay Kumar, S. Arvind and A. Mithun had moved on, leaving a big hole.

Kaverappa cemented his spot in the following season, taking 30 wickets in eight matches. He thrived when bowling alongside V. Vyshak, forming a fine new-ball combination. Now with V. Koushik making his mark in the Duleep Trophy final, it appears that Karnataka has found a new and deadly pace trio. If Prasidh Krishna can stay fit, the State team will count among the best attacks in the country.

Kaverappa stated that he welcomed the challenge of filling the shoes of Vinay & Co.

"I knew that my chance to make my Karnataka debut would come when the side is in a transitional phase. I've always liked responsibility. I like to take on the heavy load and create big moments," he said.

A keen football fan, Kaverappa understood that sides that lose big names all of a sudden need time to rebuild. "I watch football a lot, so I know what happens when a great team loses all its great players at once. New players come in, and you need to be patient with them. I knew that when I entered the Karnataka team, I had to take my time and make the best of the opportunities," he said.

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Kaverappa was helped by the presence of Arvind, who served as the Karnataka bowling coach at the time. "I did learn a lot from him. Both of us don't have express pace, so we have to use skills and variations. He helped me finetune my action a little bit. It worked like magic," he said.

"Unlike Prasidh and Vyshak – both of whom have good pace – I have to seek other ways to get purchase from the pitch.

"I've watched great bowlers like Dale Steyn and Mohammed Shami. I've seen Shami's bowling a lot recently – how good his seam presentation is. He keeps a good seam presentation even with the white ball. I realised that with the red ball, which has a more prominent seam, I can get even more help," he added.

Rising up the ranks

Born in Kodagu district, Kaverappa moved to Mangaluru to train under Samuel Jayaraj. Jayaraj, incidentally, is K.L. Rahul's coach. Kaverappa rose up the ranks to compete for Mangalore Zone in the KSCA under-19 inter-mofussil tournament, before moving to Bengaluru to play in the senior division leagues.

"I've always looked up to my coach Samuel Jayaraj. Whatever I know about cricket today is because of him. If anything goes wrong with my bowling, I send my videos to him and we make corrections," Kaverappa said.

Kaverappa's next assignment is the Deodhar Trophy List-A 50-over tournament, which will commence at Puducherry on Monday. More white-ball action will follow in the Karnataka Premier League, where good performances can grab the attention of IPL scouts. Having sat on the bench for the full 2023 IPL season with Punjab Kings, Kaverappa will hope to get his chance to shine next year.

If he sticks to his "top of off-stump" mantra, continued glory is guaranteed across formats. "Since this is the start of my career, I have to learn as much as possible and adapt, so that I can take my State team and any other team that I play for to a higher level," Kaverappa said.

GAME THEORY

Born ready: highest scores on Test debut

Yashasvi Jaiswal's 171 against West Indies at Roseau in Dominica was the 25th instance of a male batter scoring 150 or more on Test debut. It's the joint-11th-highest score overall — the third-best by an Indian — in a batter's first Test. It is also the highest debut score by an Asian batter outside Asia

Player	Score	Team	Opposition	Venue	Year of match start
Reginald Foster	287	England	Australia	Sydney	1903
Jacques Rudolph	222*	South Africa	Bangladesh	Chattogram	2003
Lawrence Rowe	214	West Indies	New Zealand	Kingston	1972
Mathew Sinclair	214	New Zealand	West Indies	Wellington	1999
Kyle Mayers	210*	West Indies	Bangladesh	Chattogram	2021
Brendon Kuruppu	201*	Sri Lanka	New Zealand	Colombo (CCC)	1987
Devon Conway	200	New Zealand	England	London (Lord's)	2021
Shikhar Dhawan	187	India	Australia	Mohali	2013
Rohit Sharma	177	India	West Indies	Eden Gardens	2013
George Headley	176	West Indies	England	Bridgetown	1930
Hamish Rutherford	171	New Zealand	England	Dunedin	2013
Yashasvi Jaiswal	**171**	**India**	**West Indies**	**Roseau**	**2023**
Yasir Hameed	170	Pakistan	Bangladesh	Karachi	2003
Fawad Alam	168	Pakistan	Sri Lanka	Colombo (PSS)	2009
Khalid Ibadulla	166	Pakistan	Australia	Karachi	1964
Charles Bannerman	165*	Australia	England	Melbourne	1877
Archie Jackson	164	Australia	England	Adelaide	1929
Javed Miandad	163	Pakistan	New Zealand	Lahore	1976
Andrew Hudson	163	South Africa	West Indies	Bridgetown	1992
Kepler Wessels	162	Australia	England	Brisbane	1982
Wayne Phillips	159	Australia	Pakistan	Perth	1983
Doug Walters	155	Australia	England	Brisbane	1965
K.S. Ranjitsinhji	154*	England	Australia	Manchester	1896
W.G. Grace	152	England	Australia	London (The Oval)	1880
Michael Clarke	151	Australia	India	Bengaluru	2004

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Entry scene

Arriving in style is all the rage these days — and it's seemingly no different in sport.

Perhaps the line of reasoning among competitive athletes is that you cannot control your exit — the jaws of defeat can grab you anytime — so you may as well choreograph your entrance.

Combat sport and American franchise sport have popularised the 'big entrance' — music, pyrotechnics, strobe lights, the works. Understandably, other disciplines have caught on.

This photograph captures the Essendon Bombers, an Australian Rules football team, walking out to the pitch ahead of their game against the Adelaide Crows in Melbourne this month.

The Bombers aren't merely one of Australia's most successful Aussie Rules clubs, they also have a historic reputation.

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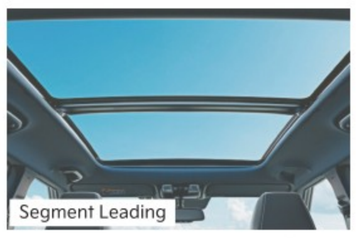

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Drastic increase in tech dependency among young children

Ways to reduce tech usage among children*

- Spend quality time at home when everyone is present or before sleep without technology
- Practice digital fasting and engage children in conversations, storytelling or any other leisurely activities instead of letting them watch a TV series or a video on phone
- Engage children in physical activities in the evenings
- Notice any changes in the child's behaviour. If they get irritated or throw tantrums when the phone is not given or if there are increased tech preferences, seek counselling or medical help
- If there is any psychopathology existing (such as ADHD), then bring the increase tech preference patterns to the attention of the professional who is already helping

*As suggested by Dr. Manoj Sharma, professor of clinical psychology and coordinator of the SHUT clinic at NIMHANS

While there were reports of excessive smartphone and social media use among adolescents and high school students before, schools have noticed that the levels of these have gone up in the recent past.

"The older students use a lot of Instagram. In many cases, even their parents do not know that they have these accounts. They sometimes bring their phones to school and use them in the washrooms without our knowledge. While we ask for WhatsApp numbers to add their parents in the groups, they instead give their own numbers now," noted Saraswathi, principal at Vasavi Vidyanikethan. While acknowledging that this has definitely had an impact on the academic abilities of the children, she said that parents should take more responsibility to tackle these problems.

Addressing this issue, Dr. Sharma said, "I have observed that young adolescents have good knowledge of healthy and unhealthy patterns of usage, but they lack strategies or skills to have efficient use of technology. It contributes to a casual attitude towards screen use."

Nandini milk price may go up by ₹3 a litre

The KMF president said, "The district milk co-operatives and KMF had sought an increase of ₹ 5 a litre on selling price of milk. The Chief Minister has permitted an increase of ₹ 3 a litre and instructed that the full financial benefit of the hike in selling prices should be passed on to milk farmers." He said the KMF had also sought an increase in prices of milk products and milk powder. The government is expected to take a call in this regard in the coming days, he said. Cooperation Minister K.N. Rajanna, who was also present in the meeting, said increase in milk prices was inevitable to protect the interest of milk farmers.

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SWD encroachments: BBMP silent on action taken against erring officials, says HC

Court expresses displeasure over the civic body not framing a policy to prevent encroachments

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Friday expressed its displeasure over the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) not framing a comprehensive policy to prevent further encroachment of storm-water drains (SWDs) despite a direction given by the court earlier.

The court said, "The BBMP has not stated anything on what actions were initiated against those encroachers and what actions were initiated against the erring officers who were maintaining blissful silence when constructions encroaching the SWDs were put up."

Though the BBMP has spoken about lodging criminal complaints against those who had obstructed the process of removal encroachments, there was no word on what action was initiated against the erring officials, the court pointed out.

File photo of encroachments being cleared on a storm-water drain. The High Court has directed the BBMP Chief Commissioner to be present for the next hearing.

A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Prasanna B. Varale and Justice M.G.S. Kamal made these observations while hearing PIL petitions relating to issues of protection and maintenance of lakes and SWDs. The Bench directed that the Chief Commissioner of the BBMP and an officer not below the rank of Deputy Secretary of the Urban Development Department should be present in the court on August 1, the next date of hearing, to know their views on preparing the comprehensive scheme.

Earlier, the BBMP, in its status report on the removal of encroachments, stated that it has, as a measure to prevent encroachment of lakes, decided to erect cement polls on the boundaries of SWDs, to hold regular meetings of BBMP and Revenue authorities, and to lodge criminal case against those who obstruct removal of encroachments.

These measures, the Bench said, at best can be termed partial measures, and cannot be termed as a comprehensive scheme to prevent further encroachment of SWDs.

The Bench said that the expectation of this court, while directing the BBMP to prepare a comprehensive scheme, was that the higher officers of the civic body would not limit themselves to whatever material was available in their possession on SWDs, but also take the assistance of scientific material which is available in finding solutions.

BBMP issues notices to builders in Mahadevapura zone

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BENGALURU

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has started issuing notices to builders constructing structures deviating from approved building plans in Mahadevapura zone.

This assumes significance in the backdrop of the civic body issuing fresh orders on building plan compliance.

In the South Zone, the BBMP has demolished two under-construction buildings after they were found violating the plan. The builders were constructing additional floors than what was prescribed in the approved plan.

The data shared by the BBMP shows that 80 buildings have violated the plan. However, the BBMP has not collated data for other zones yet.

While in Chickpet constituency, 31 buildings have violated the plan, 18 buildings deviated from the plan in Jayanagar constituency, 16 in Basavanagudi, nine in Padmanabhanagar, five in BTM Layout, and one in Vijayanagar.

In Mahadevpura, the Joint Commissioner, in the first week of July, issued a notification mandating the builders to put up approved maps at construction sites for both the public and the Town Planning Department to verify. The order was issued at the insistence of the Residents' Welfare Associations (RWAs). After nearly two weeks, the BBMP commenced the process of issuing notices to demolish the structures. Mahadevapura Zonal Commissioner Trilok Chandra told *The Hindu* that while he had not collated data on how many notices were issued and how many buildings were found to have violated the plan, the Town Planning Department had started issuing notices to owners/builders.

One of the structures in the city identified as being built in violation of the building plan, according to the BBMP. The civic body has so far identified 80 such structures in the South zone.

He said the BBMP would soon start the demolition of these structures. He said the BBMP would also take action against the builders who fail to display plans.

BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath said this was a decentralised process and the civic body was not maintaining any centralised data on the same. He said the zonal commissioners would supervise the execution of the order.

Girish, Additional Director, Town Planning Department, said the issue was now much debated due to the fresh order, but this was a routine process. "My department issues notices regularly to buildings violating the plan and this is not new."

HC stays criminal proceedings against 7 students over skit row

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka stayed criminal proceedings initiated against the students of Jain (Deemed-to-be) University on the allegation that they had insulted B.R. Ambedkar and Dalit communities in a skit enacted during inter-collegiate Jain University Youth Fest-23 held on February 8, 2023 in the city.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna passed the interim order on July 19 on a petition filed by seven accused students of the Centre for Management Studies (CMS) of the Jain (Deemed-to-be) University, Bengaluru.

Interim stay order

"There shall be an interim order of stay of any action taken by the respondent till the next date of hearing and all further proceedings against these petitioners as well," the court said while noticing that the proceedings against the two accused members of the teaching faculty was already stayed by the court on July 5. "If this court has granted an interim order of stay to the teachers who had directed the skit, which has become the subject matter of the criminal case, the naive students/children, who had only followed the instructions, cannot be left in a lurch and the order of rustication cannot be sustained against them," the court observed in its order.

The court on July 5 had stayed proceedings against Dinesh Nilkant Borker, director of CMS, and Prateek Thodkar P., assistant professor.

The skit was performed as part of 'MAD ADS', an event organised during the festival to allow the students to portray their acting skills by authoring short skits. The petition contended that the skit was satirical in nature and revolves around the reservation system and classification of class system prevailing in society. "In other words, the skit seeks to criticise the entire gamut of reservation system and brings out the message of equality as a moral," it has been stated in the petition.

Freedom of speech

While contending that such communication of dissent or opinion is protected under the freedom of speech and expression guaranteed under Article 19 of the Constitution, it has been claimed in the petition that there is no ingredient, either in the complaint or in the skit, to attract the provisions of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, and provisions of the Indian Penal Code for creating enmity between different groups on grounds of religion, race, etc., and for deliberate and malicious act intended to outrage religious feelings.

Power cut today

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There will be no power supply on Saturday between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m in the areas serviced by the 66/11-kV Primal Tech Park to carry out periodic maintenance work. The following areas will be affected: Carmelaram, Janatha Colony, parts of Hadosiddapura and Chikkanayakanahalli, and surrounding areas.

Expressing support

Seeking justice: Participants at a programme organised to express solidarity with the survivors of the violence in Manipur, in Bengaluru on Friday. K MURALI KUMAR

'Barbenheimer' fever sweeps city, as Oppenheimer arrives with a bang and Barbie shows up in bangs

Nimisha Kini
BENGALURU

It is officially Barbenheimer fever in Bengaluru, as the highly anticipated *Barbie* and *Oppenheimer* hit the screens on July 21. People lined up outside theatres in Bengaluru to watch both movies.

Barbie, featuring Margot Robbie and Ryan Gosling, is about the famous doll's journey after leaving Barbie Land, and going to the real world. *Oppenheimer* revolves around the story of American physicist J. Robert Oppenheimer's contribution to the creation of the atomic bomb.

At Garuda mall in the Central Business District area, people were seen buzzing around the theatres and discussing the movies.

A combination of images shows promotional art for *Barbie* and *Oppenheimer*. AP

Disha, a 26-year-old software engineer, said, "When they announced the live-action version of *Barbie*, I was so excited! I pre-booked my tickets, and I've already watched it with my friends." Anvita, 21, a student, said, "As someone who has watched all the *Barbie* movies since my childhood, I was very invested in Greta Gerwig's version of *Barbie*. *Barbie* was a fun and wholesome experience, and it challenged social stereotypes."

The films sparked a surge in demand for pink-coloured clothes and accessories to wear to the movie. Not only children, even adults are taking this as an opportunity to embrace their inner Barbie, with vibrant pink outfits.

Gita, a saleswoman at a popular clothes chain in Commercial Street, said, "There are always people that just try on the clothes, take pictures in the trial room and put them back on the shelf. But recently, I noticed a lot of people, especially young girls, buying a lot of pink stuff. There was a group of 3-4 girls who bought almost ₹5,000 worth of clothes."

Barbie toys sales up

Wearing pink to the movie seems to be the trend among Barbie fans. But not only clothes, even the demand for Barbie toys has gone up. Manish B., a clerk at the cash counter of a popular toys chain in UB City, says, "We knew there would be some amount of popularity for the Barbie movie. So, we also put up offers and discounts. But, we didn't realise that the hype would be this huge. Barbie dolls, in my opinion, haven't been popular lately. Children like getting Disney Princess dolls, or stuffed toys. Maybe, because of this movie, I have seen children asking for Barbie dolls." *Barbie*'s competitor has also generated just as much excitement.

Sebin, a student, said, "Even with all the publicity and A-list stars of *Barbie*, I'm particularly curious about *Oppenheimer*, primarily because of Christopher Nolan. Compared to his previous movies, I think there are a lot of familiar actors in this movie, like Robert Downey Jr, Cillian Murphy, Florence Pugh, Emily Blunt, Matt Damon. It would be incredible to see them in Christopher Nolan's film. The Manhattan Project, the Atomic Bomb Project, and everything else are the subjects of the film. Additionally, I've learned from interviews and reviews of this film that it would leave its viewers horrified, which makes me curious about the movie."

Kiran, a diploma student, said, "With Christopher Nolan's reputation for making outstanding films, I believe this movie will only add to his long list of great movies. The movie portrayed the moral dilemmas faced by Oppenheimer during the invention of the atomic bomb, and how it affected his life."

Many villages cut off as heavy rain lashes Kalaburagi, Yadgir

THE HINDU BUREAU
BENGALURU

Rain lashing many parts of North Karnataka, especially Kalaburagi and Yadgir districts, left many villages cut off, affecting normal life.

Yadgir district saw rain for the last 24 hours, leading to damage to houses and public properties. The vigour of rain forced the authorities to declare a holiday for schools on Friday.

Incessant rain for the fifth consecutive day in Kalaburagi district resulted in floodwaters entering the *sanctum sanctorum* of Sri Jayatirtha Moola Brindavana at Uttaradi Mutt on the banks of the Kagina at Malkhed in Sedam taluk. Though a 24-feet-high protection wall was constructed to avoid the Kagina waters from entering the mutt premises during the rainy season, this is the second time the river water has entered it.

The floods in the Kagina cut off roads between Kalaburagi and Hyderabad via Sedam with the river flowing over the bridge near Malkhed late on Thursday night, but there was some relief as the water receded on Friday afternoon. Normal life was disrupted especially in the villages along lower Mullamari, Bennethora, and Kagina, and its tributary streams.

Normal life in Kalaburagi city was also disrupted due to water entering houses and commercial establishments in some localities.

University puts off PhD counselling

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BENGALURU

In view of technical issues, counselling for admissions to PhD programme of Bangalore University for 2023-24, scheduled to be held on July 26, stands cancelled, a press release said.

The university will announce the next date of counselling at the earliest, according to the press release.

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501 foreigners overstaying in State facing criminal cases

The highest number of cases of foreigners involved in criminal activities is from Bengaluru, where 451 cases have been booked, according to the Home Department

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Around 500 foreigners overstaying in Karnataka are facing criminal cases, while visas of 754 foreigners have expired, according to information shared by Home Minister G. Parameshwara in the Legislative Council recently.

The State police registered 501 cases against foreign nationals, as of May 2023, for drug peddling, burglary, and other criminal offences. Mr. Parameshwara said that the highest number of foreigners involved in criminal activities was from Bengaluru city, where 451 cases have been booked. "We are trying to deport them by taking up the matter with embassies of their respective countries, through the Ministry of External Affairs. Whoever has not been deported is lodged in detention centres till they get the exit permit," he stated.

Foreign nationals in Karnataka

Number of foreign nationals living in the State	8,862
Those living in Bengaluru	5,656
Foreign nationals under student visa	4,890
Foreigners overstaying in the State	754
Those facing criminal cases	501

Source: Home Department

According to data from the Home Department, 8,862 foreign nationals are living in Karnataka, of which 5,656 are in Bengaluru, followed by 806 in Mysuru. Among the 8,862 foreign nationals, 4,890 have student visas, including 2,356 in Bengaluru.

In 2022, the State government directed all police stations to conduct a survey of foreigners staying in their jurisdictions and submit a report to the government. A senior police officer *The Hindu*, "Overstaying in India beyond the visa date can lead to a fine, imprisonment of up to five years and even a ban on entering the country again. After finding out about the illegal overstaying of foreigners, we have intimated about them to the respective embassies of their country and also to the Ministry of External Affairs. Apart from this, they will be kept at the Foreigners Detention Center in the city till cases against them are disposed of and they get an exit permit from the departments concerned."

Asia-Pacific regional meet held at Christ

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The Centre for Service Learning at Christ (Deemed to be University) organised a three-day 9th Asia-Pacific Regional Conference on the university's central campus from July 19. According to a release, the conference focused and highlighted on the sub-theme 'Service learning: touching lives and transforming communities through innovative pedagogy, research and partnerships' and stressed that regular interventions through conferences, seminars, and symposiums will help strengthen the scope and implications of service-learning in the communities, thereby advancing social entrepreneurship.

Judicial probe ordered into PSI recruitment scam

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government has constituted a one-man judicial inquiry panel to probe into the police sub-inspector (PSI) recruitment scam.

The inquiry will be conducted by retired Karnataka High Court judge B. Veerappa. The order constituting the probe sets a deadline of three months for the same.

The Congress had led the charge against the then BJP government over alleged irregularities and corruption in the recruitment of 545 PSIs.

The BJP government had handed over the case to the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) which arrested several officials from the Police Recruitment Cell, including its then chief Additional Director-General of Police Amrit Paul.

Terms of reference

The order constituting the judicial inquiry lists four questions as its terms of reference: Have there been irregularities in the recruitment of 545 PSIs? If so, what are the violations and at what level did the violations take place? Who are the people who benefited from these violations? And what are the measures the government can take to conduct foolproof recruitment exams?

Police crack two cases of assault on constables

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Five people have been arrested in connection with two cases of assault on police personnel in the city reported earlier this week.

Banaswadi police arrested two persons for allegedly assaulting a traffic police constable over a no-parking case at HRBR Layout. While the constable was assaulted on Wednesday evening, the accused were arrested on Friday.

Umesh, a constable with Banaswadi Traffic Police Station was on his rounds Wednesday evening, when he found a car parked in a no-parking zone and put a wheel lock. The owner of the car called the number on the wheel lock to reach Umesh.

The accused reportedly said that they were rushing to a hospital for a medical emergency and had parked in a hurry and requested him to open the wheel lock. Mr. Umesh claimed that he returned and immediately opened the wheel lock and did not even book a case as it was a case of a medical emergency – the wife of the car owner had been rushed to a gastroenterology clinic.

Five people have been arrested in connection with these cases

However, Mr. Umesh said that two others who had accompanied the couple started hitting him, and punched him multiple times.

A mobile-recorded video of the assault has now gone viral on social media, where members of the public are seen being mute spectators when the incident took place. This is even as the woman reportedly fell down due to weakness and ill health. Banaswadi police had taken up a case and arrested the two accused who assaulted the constable. They have been identified as Suleiman and Fahad, both residents of Govindapura.

In another case, Govindapura police have arrested three persons, including an auto driver, for allegedly assaulting a head constable on July 18 at Govindapura. Mallaikarjun Naganura, a head constable with Mahadevapura Police Station, was returning to his home at Ganganagar from work when the incident happened around 8.30 p.m. on Tuesday.

In his complaint, he said he came across an autorickshaw from which music was being played loudly, so he asked the occupants to reduce the volume. However, he alleged that the three people assaulted him, and one of them even dragged out an iron rod and was about to hit him, when traffic police rescued him.

The police have arrested Hemanth Kumar, Dhanush, and Sharath Kumar for the assault.

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The homestay advantage

Increasing disposable incomes, growing appetite for travel, and government incentives are aiding the rise of homestays in India

COVER

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There's a popular saying in India, *Athithi Devo Bhava*, which means the guest is god. Backed by the adage and the significant growth of the travel industry in the country, homestays have become a viable option today for both travellers and home owners alike. For the guest, it's a home away from home – tucked away in green hideaways, by the beach or backwaters, or high up in the hills. For the property owner, it's a lucrative income source.

India's travel market is projected to grow substantially in the post-COVID world because of a combination of rising disposable incomes, focused government measures to boost the travel industry, and the growing appetite for travel. According to the World Travel & Tourism Council, the sector's contribution to the economy will surpass pre-pandemic levels in 2024, with a year-on-year growth of 20.7%. By the end of 2023, it would be worth ₹16.5 trillion. In response, the Indian hospitality industry is diversifying its offerings, and homestays – which occupy only a small section of the market today – are predicted to grow in stature and play a significant role in the future.

Highlighting the local

Though still nascent, homestays are a growing phenomenon across the globe. Unlike formal hotels, they can provide an experience of true Indian hospitality-unlike formal hotels, which come with limitations.

Guests are either accommodated in the family home or in separate quarters nearby and are often provided with a level of hospitality that even the most reputed hotels cannot hope to match.

Organised hospitality establishments require a lot of space, which can be very expensive and sometimes even impossible to acquire in most of India's popular tourist destinations. Alternately, hotel chains may not be interested in opening up shop in some of the emerging 'unspoiled' areas, precisely because unspoiled means non-saturated – and a formal hospitality offering does require a certain saturation of paying customers. Moreover, hotel rooms can cost a pretty penny and may not be attractive for less well-heeled tourists.

In such situations, homestays allow tourists a taste of the local 'flavour' at an affordable cost – which not only includes authentic, home-cooked local cuisine, but also the lifestyle of the locals. Often, property owners will regale guests with local folklore and social backgrounds, allowing for an intensely immersive experience that will yield lasting memories, not to mention return customers and favourable referrals – not only to friends and family, but also via online forums and listing feedback.

Homestays are also usually available in high-density tourist locations where hotels are booked up during peak season or local festivities and events. And finally, one must take into account the remote-working revolution. The explosion in digital nomadism and 'workations' mean that for many the homely feeling of a homestay is preferable to hotels.

Relaxed and proactive government policies

An interesting branch of homestays in India is the eco-tourism concept, which takes it several steps further and opens the doors of India's hinterlands and villages to domestic and global tourists. It gives them a 'hands-on' experience of rural India with all its quaint 'limitations,' including allowing guests to participate in pastoral activities such as sowing and harvesting the local crop. It is an unbeatable 'back-to-nature' twist to the homestay ethos that many foreign tourists find incredibly attractive.

At the moment, though homestays have made their mark, their growth and profitability are largely hampered by high real estate and financial costs. Mostly financed via debt, the capital (interest and depreciation) cost eats into their profitability.

The Indian government has provided several incentives, due to which this model is being adopted by large formal hospitality chains as a logical extension of their services.

This also means that homestay proposals are evaluated by the group and 'standardised' to a certain extent to ensure that guests can expect a minimum level of comfort and convenience.

One such incentive is relaxing the licensing rules for people seeking to convert their property into certified homestays and in the process, developing a centralised database. Simultaneously, it is working with online aggregators such as Airbnb to list homestay properties and introduce ratings, guest houses and bed-and-breakfast options.

In addition to its e-visa policies, which are likely to boost foreign tourism, the government is also urging state governments to exempt homestays from service taxes and levies, including water charges, electricity and other commercial charges..

Homestays may not be everyone's cup of tea, but by the same coin, neither are formal hotels.

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- It is recommended that hosts provide clear and accurate details of their Airbnb listing.
- They should share important details of the space, and include information on the amenities provided.
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Eeshaan Kashyap with his edible tablescape at Pottery Barn; (below) the store

STORE

Designers clock in

At Pottery Barn's Summer House event in New Delhi, interior designers followed a brief for instant makeovers

Pampered by domestic luxe home furnishing brands such as Good Earth and Sarita Handa, the Indian globetrotter might not be as enthusiastic as before to cart back tableware and bedding from holidays in the West. But there are many who still swear by mainstays such as Anthropologie and Pottery Barn. Which is why the latter, the San Fransisco-based digital-led sustainable brand, decided to set up shop in the country last September.

The flagship in the capital, at Ambience Mall, Vasant Kunj, has its popular in-house interior design team on hand to offer imaginative solutions. Sometimes it brings in industry experts for a dash of local inspiration, as it did last week, with The Summer House.

About 15 interior designers, together with Pramiti Madhavji (founding editor of *Elle Décor* magazine) and design consultant Sonia Bajaj, had some fun with prints, patterns and a multitude of materials. Part of the Williams-Sonoma portfolio (including West Elm and Rejuvenation), Pottery Barn India has interesting collaborations coming up, like the one with actor Deepika Padukone. But for now, we asked its country head, Puneet Behal, to share collab plans, while a few designers weighed in on their personal favourites.

'Deepika Padukone next Spring': Puneet Behal, Pottery Barn India

Our most popular categories in India in the last six months has been furniture and lighting, with decorative accessories such as urns, textiles and cushions being quick purchases. I'd say the urns and our flicker candles are great impulse purchases. We have a cool brand collaboration in the works. As for Deepika's collab with us, all I can say is that her passion for home design and a timeless sense of style resonate with the brand. It is slated for launch in the spring of '24.

Sanjyt Syngh, interior designer

Ready for instant makeovers: My brief at last week's event was to set up a living room for a house in the Hamptons that can transition to a formal setting. Having lived in New York for close to a decade, I have practically used all Pottery Barn products. I love the accessories and soft furnishings that instantly transform a space. The accessories are so well coordinated that one can literally design an entire space in a few hours. As for a current design trend that appeals the most to me, it is 'biophilic'. It has been around for a few years but it's amazing to see it show up as a mainstream trend.

Poonam Mehta, AMPM Designs

Dinnerware fits the bill: I personally love the elegant Pottery Barn Kids collection but feel dinnerware and decor are off-the-shelf purchases that will appeal to Indian buyers. There are large planters, trays and tableware, candles and curios that I would pick for my projects. And they align with both the Wabi-sabi and Boho trends that are big this year, perhaps because people are sensitive towards minimalism and sustainability.

Eshita Marwah, interior designer

Shout out to the classics: My brief at the event was to create a cosy den around a single chair. I usually don't go by trends as they tend to fade. I believe in classics that last, so it was easy to meet the brief. I find the overall neutral vibe of the store most appealing.

Eeshaan Kashyap, chef and curator

Vote for terracotta: I curate around food and beverage and the brief at the event was to integrate it with design, architecture and the philosophy of the brand. We used objects in the form of art and I created an edible tablescape: "Breaking bread".

I always make it a point to visit the Pottery Barn abroad and often carry dinner platters back home. As for a distinctly Indian product that this brand should create... it will be good to see a range of snack centric platters, bowls and easy to use pieces that one can buy for hosting parties or a simple brunch. We love hosting and love snacking! As for trends, the idea of biophilic architecture really inspires me. To bring the outdoors inside is really refreshing and a forward trend that we will see widely. It is close to nature and sustainable in many layers of design, from textiles to crockery. The earthiness and use of terracotta is my staple and Pottery Barn does it the best.

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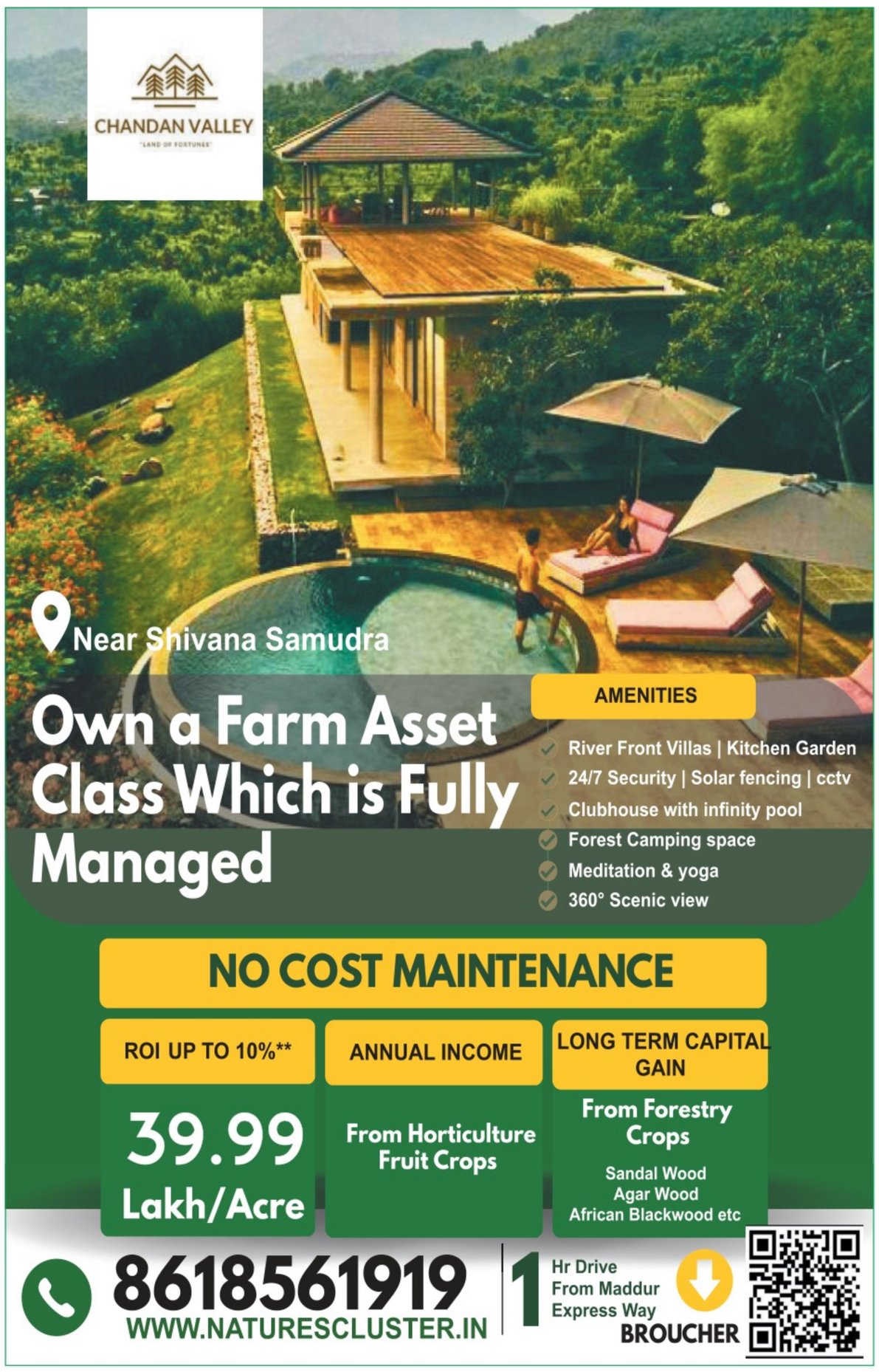

INBRIEF

'All steps will be taken to mitigate water problem'

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday told the Legislative Council that the government will take all the measures to mitigate drinking water problem in the wake of prolonged dry spell in several areas.

Replying to a debate on the State Budget, the Chief Minister said money was not a constraint in handling drinking water scarcity. "Whatever may be the expenditure, we will bear it," he remarked. "We will drill new borewells if need be or find alternative water sources to supply through tankers."

Gowda expresses concern over violence in Manipur

Former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda on Friday tweeted to express concern over the violence in Manipur and said that he "would like to play a role in bringing peace to the North East."

He said in a tweet, "The Central government should act in a manner that restores the confidence of the people not just in Manipur and the North East but the entire nation. The gesture can be a symbolic one to begin with but has to be followed up with hard reconciliatory steps in the next few days. I am very disturbed. The people of the North East have been very special to me since my days as Prime Minister."

BJP, Janata Dal (S) vow to put up a united fight against Congress govt.

In their first joint demand, ex-Chief Ministers Kumaraswamy and Basavaraj Bommai demand that the government take over NICE project

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Former Chief Ministers Basavaraj Bommai and H.D. Kumaraswamy addressing a press conference in Bengaluru on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Amid speculation of a possible alliance between the Bharatiya Janata Party and the Janata Dal (Secular) ahead of the Lok Sabha polls, former Chief Ministers H.D. Kumaraswamy and Basavaraj Bommai on Friday held a joint press conference at the JD(S) Legislature Party office to announce that they will put up a united fight against the Congress government in the State.

"We are both Opposition parties and have decided to fight together in the interest of the State," said Mr. Kumaraswamy.

In their first joint demand, the two leaders said that the government take over the Bengaluru-Mysuru Infrastructure Corridor project of the Nandi Infrastructure Corridor Enterprises (NICE).

Stop toll collection

Demanding that toll collection on the expressway should be stopped immediately, Mr. Kumaraswamy said the government should order a high-level probe into the project. "If the government does not take over the project, we have decided to fight against this government unitedly both inside and outside the House," Mr. Kumaraswamy said.

"People are asking why they should pay the toll on NICE road. There were several cases against the company. A Cabinet sub-committee formed in 2016 has also submitted a report pointing to irregularities. We demand that the Congress government should act on the court and cabinet sub-committee reports. The additional acquired land must be returned to farmers. An audit must be conducted and additional toll collected must be taken back by the government. If you stop this project, you will get ₹30,000 crore. You can use that for your Bhagya schemes," he said.

On the suspension of 10 BJP MLAs from the Assembly, Mr. Kumaraswamy said, "It is astonishing that the Speaker did not allow members to break for lunch. How can he not let the members have lunch?"

'Diverting grants'

Alleging that the government is misusing SCSP/TSP grants to fund its guarantee schemes, Mr. Bommai accused the Congress of betraying the SC/ST communities. "These grants are exclusively earmarked for the welfare of the SC/ST communities. The government is using ₹6,000 crore SCSP/TSP grants for the Gruha Lakshmi scheme. They have diverted a total of ₹13,000 crore from this pool for the guarantee schemes. Wonder how the Dalit Ministers and legislators are not questioning the government over this," he said.

'No alliance with NDA or UPA'

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Janata Dal (Secular) supremo and former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda has said that there is no question of his party's alliance with the NDA or UPA. Speaking to reporters after the JD(S) Legislature Party meeting held on Thursday night, Mr. Deve Gowda said while the JD(S) will fight independently, as an Opposition it will keep raising issues related to injustice faced by the people and fight against the government. "A story is being spun that BJP and JD(S) have come together," he said.

Budget: Siddaramaiah accuses Modi regime of burdening the poor with price rise

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah speaking in the Legislative Council even as the Opposition benches remained empty in Bengaluru on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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Chief Minister Siddaramaiah blamed the BJP government at the Centre and Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the price rise in India that has hit the poor and the middle class.

Replying to the debate on the State Budget in the Legislative Council on Friday, the Chief Minister said the economic policies adopted by Mr. Modi are mainly responsible for the price rise, and lives of people are becoming tough due to the impact of price rise.

"What is even worse is that money that has been taken away from the pockets of poor people is being given to the rich and corporates," he alleged.

He explained that Corporate Tax had been reduced from 30% to 22% by the Narendra Modi regime, which resulted in loss of revenue amounting to ₹2 lakh crore per annum for the Centre.

Direct link

Attributing a direct link between price rise and the prices of petroleum fuel as well as cooking gas, he said the Modi regime had increased the cost of petroleum fuel sharply, though there is a steep reduction in prices of crude oil in the international market. Similarly, the price of cooking gas had gone up due to removal of subsidy, he said, and alleged that such measures had not only triggered an overall rise in prices, but also increased the financial burden on poor people.

Accusing the earlier BJP dispensation of maladministration and corruption, he alleged, "In reality, it was not a double-engine government, but a trouble-engine government for people of Karnataka."

Funds for guarantees

Pointing out that ₹52,068 crore is needed to implement all the five guarantees in a full year, he said it would cost only ₹35,410 crore to implement them in the remaining eight to nine months of this year. The necessary resources were being raised through efficient tax collection system, plugging pilferage through prioritisation and rationalisation of schemes, he said.

Bill adopted

The Council gave its approval for the State budget by adopting the Karnataka Appropriation Bill.

Govt. plans to bring in law to regulate private sugar factories

IN THE LEGISLATURE

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As many private sugar factories are allegedly cheating sugarcane growers in weighing cane and denying minimum support price, the State government on Friday informed the Legislative Assembly that it is planning to formulate a new law.

It will be on the lines of the Maharashtra Regulation of Sugarcane Price (Supplied to Factories) Act, 2013, to regulate private factories. In a reply to the debate on alleged cheating of cane growers, cane transporters and labourers involved in harvesting the crop by private sugar factories, Minister for Sugar Shivananda Patil said factories have been operating without obtaining permission from the government for crushing the cane.

Three factories in Mandya have begun crushing cane this season without obtaining permission from the department. In fact, factories had applied for permission after completion of the crushing season, he said. There are 92 sugar factories and 74 have been operating now.

Unlike in Maharashtra, Karnataka has not formulated a law to regulate the functioning of sugar factories in the private sector, he said.

Automatic machines

The government would install automatic weighing machines for weighing sugar cane transported from field to the factory. Many factories cheat cane growers in weighing by adopting various fraudulent methods, he said.

Raju Kage (Congress) said the government has not been able to control sugar factories because they were owned by the legislators and "powerful" Ministers in the State.

The action should start from the top and not from the bottom, Mr. Kage said and blamed the politicians for the "corrupt" management system in private sugar factories.

The Minister said the government has been supplying free power, interest-free loans and many other concessions to farmers to improve their socio-economic conditions but factories owned by politicians cheat them by denying MSP for the sugarcane.

Lakshman Savadi, J.T. Patil and Mr. Kage (all Congress) demanded that the Minister should initiate stern action against private sugar units involved in fraudulent methods of weighing cane in sugar factories. Owing to fraudulency in weighing cane, owners set up factory after factory for every five years, they claimed.

Mr. Savadi said families from other States come to Belagavi during sugarcane harvesting season and their wages depend on the harvest of tonnes of cane. The labourers' too get lesser wages by "fraudulent method" of weighing by factories, he said.

Suspension of BJP MLAs was 'minimum action': Khader

Former Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommmai and BJP leaders protesting in front of the Gandhi statue on the Vidhana Soudha premises in Bengaluru on Friday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

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Assembly Speaker U.T. Khader on Friday defended suspension of 10 BJP MLAs and said he had taken "minimum action" against legislators who had indulged in "indecent and disrespectful conduct" by tearing up bills and hurling them at the Chair on Wednesday.

Speaking to reporters after the conclusion of the State Budget session on Friday, the Speaker said suspension was part of "practical training" to MLAs on conduct, referring to the three-day training programme organised for first-time MLAs prior to the start of the Budget session in which they were taught theory.

"Suspension of MLAs was practical training given to MLAs who had shown indiscipline and disrespect to the Chair. The decision to suspended MLAs is not mine alone. The entire House has taken the decision," he said.

The action was taken to ensure discipline among the lawmakers in the future, he said, and appealed to lawmakers not to politicise the issue on partylines. The BJP and JD (S) boycotted the proceedings of the House for two days opposing the Speaker's action and staged a protest in front of the Mahatma Gandhi Statue at the Vidhana Soudha.

"If I do not take action then no one will come forward to occupy the Speaker's Chair in my absence and conduct the proceedings. The Deputy Speaker reposed faith and confidence in me and occupied the Chair," said Mr. Khader.

On meeting Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot on Thursday, the Speaker said he met him and apprised him of the circumstances that led to the suspension.

The Assembly and Council were adjourned *sine die* on Friday.

Four killed in accident in Hassan dist.

The Hindu Bureau
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Four persons were killed when a passenger vehicle was involved in a head-on collision with a tipper truck on the Mangaluru-Bengaluru highway near Eshwarahalli in Alur taluk of Hassan district on Friday evening. The four people, who were travelling in an eight-seater towards Mangaluru, died.

Deceased

They have been identified as Chethan, 24, of Kuppalli, Purushotham, 28, of Thattekere, Ahok, 35, of Guddenahalli, and Dinesh, 30, of Chigalurpalya in Alur taluk.

The passenger vehicle car was completely mangled in the accident. Senior police reached the spot. The Alur police have registered a case.

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Petition in HC challenges Siddaramaiah's election

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Election of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah from Varuna Assembly constituency has been challenged before the High Court of Karnataka on the ground that he had indulged in corrupt practice by inducing the voters by offering five guarantee schemes through the Congress election manifesto and guarantee cards.

The petition was filed by K.M. Shankara, a voter from Varuna Assembly constituency in Mysuru district, seeking a declaration that Mr. Siddaramaiah had allegedly indulged in corrupt practices as defined under Section 123(1), 123(2), 123(4) and 123(6) of the Representation of People Act, 1951, and to declare his election as void.

Justice S. Sunil Dutt Yadav, before whom the petition came up for hearing on Friday, posted the petition for hearing on July 28 while directing the advocate for the petitioner to rectify the procedural lapses in filling of petition as pointed by the court's registry before the petition is considered for preliminary hearing.

It has been contended in the petition that five guarantee schemes has been offered as gratification for voting and it was expected that the electorate would vote for Mr. Siddaramaiah in view of the five guarantees.

The manner in which the canvas was done by distributing the election manifesto of the Indian National Congress Party and the guarantee cards in the constituency amounted to directly inducing the voters based on the assurance given in the guarantee cards, it has been claimed in the petition.

Godavari water level recedes but flood threat persists

Officials camping at Bhadrachalam in Telangana to tackle flood exigency; many areas in Andhra Pradesh have lost road connectivity; 85 villages have been asked to be ready for evacuation

The Hindu Bureau
BHADRADRI KOTHAGUDEM

The water level in the Godavari at Bhadrachalam receded slightly below the first flood warning level on Friday. PTI

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town to tackle any flood exigency.

As per the flood bulletin issued by the Andhra Pradesh Water Resource Department, more than 9.64 lakh cusecs was being released into the Bay of Bengal from the Sir Arthur Cotton Barrage at Dowleswaram in East Godavari district.

The inflows at the Sir Arthur Cotton Barrage were on the rise as of Friday.

"In the Konaseema region, 12 habitations have lost road connectivity. Boat is the only way to reach them now," Konaseema district Collector Himanshu Shukla told *The Hindu*.

As many as 85 villages were asked to be ready for evacuation based on necessity, Mr. Shukla added.

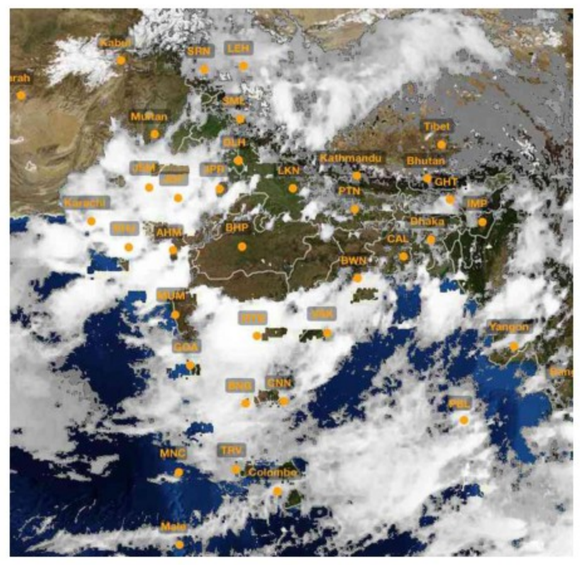
The Konaseema-West Godavari inter-district border at P. Gannavaram was cut-off as flood water was flowing over the causeway. People were crossing the river by boat here.

In Eluru district, 16 tribal pockets in the Koida-Kutkuru belt on the banks of the Godavari were cut off from the mainland.

(With inputs from Andhra Pradesh Bureau)

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



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Forecast for Saturday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Delhi, Uttarakhand, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Mizoram, Sikkim, Odisha, Telangana, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, central Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa, Karnataka, Kerala and Andaman & Nicobar Islands

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Agartala	—	35.8	26.4	Kozhikode	3	33.0	25.6
Ahmedabad	—	34.3	27.3	Kurnool	12	30.1	22.8
Aizawl	34	33.8	21.0	Lucknow	—	36.9	30.1
Allahabad	—	37.2	29.6	Madurai	—	38.2	27.3
Bengaluru	—	28.4	21.5	Mangaluru	15.2	29.6	23.6
Bhopal	3.9	—	25.0	Mumbai	29	27.6	25.0
Bhubaneswar	15.3	33.0	26.5	Mysuru	—	31.3	21.6
Chandigarh	—	38.0	28.4	New Delhi	—	39.4	29.5
Chennai	—	36.9	30.1	Patna	—	36.4	29.2
Coimbatore	—	33.2	25.6	Port Blair	10	29.5	25.0
Dehradun	—	34.2	26.2	Puducherry	—	36.9	27.4
Gangtok	12	22.8	18.4	Pune	7	28.7	22.3
Goa	76	28.1	23.1	Raipur	11	30.6	26.4
Guwahati	54	34.0	24.8	Ranchi	14	29.2	23.2
Hubballi	—	26.0	23.0	Shillong	18	22.1	18.0
Hyderabad	64.9	26.8	22.1	Shimla	—	24.6	17.3
Imphal	—	31.1	21.6	Srinagar	—	27.8	21.7
Jaipur	11	35.4	28.6	Thiruvananthapuram	—	32.1	25.7
Kochi	—	30.4	26.4	Tiruchi	—	36.5	28.0
Kohima	7	28.4	18.6	Vijayawada	2	30.0	25.6
Kolkata	3	32.6	28.6	Visakhapatnam	—	32.2	26.2

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Bengaluru	7	—	.30	151	117	
Chennai	2	129	.43	123	99	
Delhi	.22	.49	.29	100	127	
Hyderabad	.11	6	.39	62	63	
Kolkata	.17	.13	.16	12	32	
Lucknow	6	.26	.54	130	132	
Mumbai	—	.42	110	32	37	
Pune	131	214	108	49	43	
Visakhapatnam	.16	.39	.25	39	82	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Sri Ganganagar, Rajasthan recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 205 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Davanagere, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 16

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

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Court restrains seven from making allegations against Veerendra Heggade

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MANGALURU

A city civil and sessions court in Bengaluru on Tuesday issued an *ex parte* interim injunction against Mahesh Shetty Thimarodi and others from making any false allegations against Dharmasthala pattadhikari D. Veerendra Heggade, the Manjunathaswamy temple and institutions run by Dharmasthala, till an original suit filed by a few people seeking mandatory injunction in the matter was disposed of. The VI additional city civil and sessions judge also directed media houses, arraigned as defendants in the suit, not to upload/ publish any such content and also delete uploaded content from their platforms.

It restrained defendants No. 1 to 7 from approaching any media platforms/publishing houses making false allegations against the pattadhikari and others. The court ordered issue of notices to the defendants. Sri Kshetra Dharmasthala Rural Development Project executive director L.H. Manjunath, in a statement on Friday, said five from SKDRDP had approached the Bengaluru court against Mr. Thimarodi, Jagadish, Prabha N. Belavangala, Somanatha Nayak, B.M. Bhat, Vittal Gowda, Odanadi Seva Samsthe, and others. In the original suit seeking mandatory injunction against the defendants, the plaintiffs had said they were making false allegations against the pattadhikari and others regarding the murder of Soujanya in Pangala of Dharmasthala in 2012.

'Inflow into dams has increased and there's no shortage of drinking water'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government on Friday informed the Legislative Assembly that there is no shortage of water in the reservoirs for drinking purposes and inflow has been increased in reservoirs of both Cauvery and Krishna basins following monsoon rains in July.

In a reply to the debate on drought, Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda said that there was no fear of shortage of drinking water now, but it was difficult to say when the water would be released into canals for irrigation purposes, he said.

As on July 20, the inflow of water into four reservoirs in the Cauvery basin has been recorded at 18,687 cusecs while inflow into reservoirs in the Krishna basin has recorded at 76,264 cusecs, and 32,146 cusecs at the Almatti dam. Similarly, the inflow of water had increased in Sharavathi, Ghataprabha and Malaprabha reservoirs, he said. Noting that there was sufficient inflow of water into dams for ensuring water supply in multi-village scheme water pipes, Mr. Gowda said under the contingency plan, funds would be given to each district to recharge borewells.

There was a huge difference between ground situation and drought manual guidelines. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah would write to the Centre seeking flexibility to allow the State government to declare drought, he said.

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Tenders are invited from eligible bidders for Supply of Instruments & Furniture's to RIMS Teaching Hospital, Raichur under two cover bid system through E-Procurement Portal of Government of Karnataka.

1) Tender document may be download from E-procurement portal of the Govt. of Karnataka from 20.07.2023 2) Tender must be submitted online through E-procurement portal on or before 04.08.2023 upto 5.00 PM 3)Technical bid will be opened on 07.08.2023 at 11.30 AM

Further information may be obtained from above office and from https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in and also from this Institution web site https://rimsraichur.karnataka.gov.in

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No. GIMS/KLB/TENDER/CR-18//2023-24 Date: 19/07/2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION (THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT)

Gulbarga Institute of Medical Sciences, Kalaburagi invites tender for eligible bidders in bid system (Techno-commercial Bid & Financial Bid) in e-procurement 2.0 mode for the SUPPLY OF "CSSD EQUIPMENTS" to Gims, Kalaburagi. Details are available in the site: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** Last date and time for upload of e-tender in E-procurement platform as follows.

1) Commencement of download of e-Tender Form from website-https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in: **No. GIMS/KLB/TENDER/CR-18/2023-24 Date: 19/07/2023 DME/2023-24/IND0108,** 2) Last Date for Queries: **31.07.2023 at 17:00pm,** 3) Pre-bid Meeting : **01.08.2023 at 11:30am**, 4) Last Date for Uploading of Tender in e-procurement platform on or before: **18-08-2023 @ 4.30pm**. 5) Opening of Techno-Commercial Bid : **19-08-2023 @ 05:00pm**, 6) Opening of Tenders Financial bid : **21-08-2023 @ 11:30am**, 7) Tender amount : **Rs. 1,71,35,000=00**, 8) EMD : Rs. 2,00,000=00, 9) Contact Details : Director, GIMS Kalaburagi veresh Nagar sedam road Kalaburagi 585105 08472 260252 Mob: 9448712914

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Velachery, Chennai - 600 042.

In Tamilnadu Motor Vehicles Maintenance Department, e-tenders are invited during the month of July 2023 & August 2023, for the supply of tyres for the year 2023-2024, coming under the maintenance purview of this department. The details regarding downloading of tender documents, last date for submission of e-tender, opening date of e-tender and the terms and conditions of e-tender may be viewed in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in**

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Sl. No.	Description	Approx. Value Rs. in Lakhs	EMD in Rs.
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2	Supply of Gas Chromatography. **HGML/2023-24/IND0045.**	61.07	1,22,000/-
3	Construction of RCC Ground Water Tank. **HGML/2023-24/OW/Work_Indent20.**	59.74	1,19,500/-
4	Supply of Hose Pipes. **HGML/2023-24/IND0024**	48.67	97,000/-
5	Supply, installation & upgradation of ABB make Redundant processors. **HGML/2023 -24/EL/WORK_INDENT26**	48.40	97,000/-
6	Design, Engineering, Manufacture, Supply, Testing & Commissioning of PLC system for existing crushing system. **HGML/2023-24/EL/WORK_INDENT16**	40.00	80,000/-
7	Design, Development, Manufacture, Supply, Commissioning and Installation of PLC based bell signalling system at Mallappa Shaft. **HGML/2023-24/OW/WORK_INDENT17.**	35.00	70,000/-
8	Supply of Dust Collector / Air PollutionControl Device. **HGML/2023-24/IND0044.**	28.64	57,500/-
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10	Supply of 11KV VCB Panels. **HGML/2023-24/IND0056.**	20.00	50,000/-
11	Renovation to Maternity ward at HGM Hospital. **HGML/2023-24/BD/WORK_INDENT24**	16.39	41,000/-
12	Design, Manufacture and Supply of rope banding and de-banding machine of capacity30 MT. **HGML/2023-24/IND0046.**	10.00	25,000/-
13	Extension of Lime Room at Sag and Ball Mill. **HGML/2023-24/BD/Work_Indent19.**	9.90	12,500/-
14	Supply of Hydraulic Wire rope crimping machine. **HGML/2023-24/IND0054.**	5.30	13,250/-

Calendar of events: **(1)** Last date for receipt of tender: **21.08.2023 at 4.00 P.M. (2)** Opening of Technical Bid on: **24.08.2023 at 10.00 A.M.** For further details interested bidders are advised to log on to website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or contact the office of undersigned during working hours. For participating in the above tender bidder needs to be registered in e-procurement portal.

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No: PEO/PR/468/2023-24 Date: 21.07.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION

BBMP invites Short Term Request for Proposal for Organising the cultural programme for BBMP School Students on Independence Day, from eligible bidders.

1) Tender Reference No.: BBMP/2023-24/SE0020. **2)** Tender documents may be downloaded from GOK e-Procurement portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in :21.07.2023 onwards. 3)** Last date for submission of Bid document: **28.07.2023 upto 5:30 pm. 4)** Date of opening of Bid: **31.07.2023 at 11.00 am.** Further details can be accessed from GoK e-procurement website: **https://kppp.karnataka. gov.in**

Sd/- Senior Assistant Director, BBMP.

KARNATAKA STATE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING BOARD
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Tender No: KSAMB/AP/Tender/AUCTION/2703/APMC/2023-24/SE0073 Dated: 21.07.2023

e-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Karnataka State Agricultural Marketing Board, Bengaluru is inviting e-bidding through e-procurement portal from Eligible Insurance Providers for Implementation of Group Term Insurance Scheme to the Licensed Shramikas of APMC's. The detailed information can be obtained from **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** portal vide Indent No: **APMC/2023-24/SE0073**, The last date: **11.08.2023.**

Sd/-
Chief General Manager
K.S.A.M.B. Bengaluru.

DIPR/CP/SHIRDI SAI/634/2023-24

IN COURT OF THE HON'BLE VI ADD FAMILY COURT, AT BANGALORE
M.C.No. 5433/2022

Between: Mrs. Anglita Avina Alvares @ Ashwathi W/o Shree Kumar, D/o Anthony Alvares, aged about 32 years, R/at Kaveri Nilaya, 21st Cross, 16th Main, BTM Layout, 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560076. ... **Petitioner**

And: Mr. Shree Kumar, S/o Thangappan, aged about 43 years, R/at 91/1, 3rd Floor, MLA Krishnappa Building, Chunchgatta Main Road, Near Pearl Apparels, Bengaluru-560062. ... **Respondent**

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT

Whereas, the petitioner has instituted the above petition against the respondent for the relief of Divorce under section 13 (1) (i-a) (1-b) of Hindu marriage Act 1955.

You (the Respondent) are hereby summoned to appear in this Court in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all questions relating to the petition for divorce on **07-09-2023** at 11 a.m. to answer the claim of petitioner. Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day aforesaid mentioned the petition will be proceeded and determined in your absence, exparte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on 06-07-2023.

By order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar, Family Court, Bengaluru.

A D Ramananda, Bharthi G, Advocates
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(Through GoK. Public procurement portal only)

Sealed bids are invited from reputed bidders with proven track record of successful completion of similar nature of works for the following work. : **1)** No:KPCL/2023-24/PS/WORK_INDENT251 **"Supply Erection and Commissioning Duplex Strainer 250NB for cooling water system in Kadra Power House"** Amount Put to tender: Rs. 5,54,600/-. EMD: Rs. 13,865/-. **2)** No:KPCL/ 2023-24/PS/WORK_INDENT68/Call-2. **"Supply, Fabrication, Installation and Painting of 3x50MW Kadra power House Units tailrace discharge pipelines, dewatering platform and cable tray replacement"** Amount Put to tender: Rs. 10,78,046/-. EMD: Rs. 26,951/-.

Last date & time for online submission of tenders: (for Sl No. 1) **31.07.2023 upto 17:00 Hrs. &** (for Sl No. 2) **28.07.2023 upto 17:00hrs**. Bidders can access the bid document on website **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** Further details can be had from the **Executive Engineer (O&M) Kadra,** KPCL, Kadra-581396, Uttara Kannada Dist, Contact No.: 08382-256344 Mobile: 9448793583 e-mail: eek1kadrakpcl@gmail.com / seekadrakpcl@yahoo.in

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No.: SBUDA/L.A./Tender/2023-24 Date: 19.07.202

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It is proposed for formation of Residential Layouts in 50:50 ratio for Joint Development Project by the Authority in the lands of villages coming in the Local Project Area of Shivamogga – Bhadravathi Urban Development Authority. 50% of the total residential sites developed in 50:50 ratio in this Joint Development Project will be given as compensation to the Land Owners. Farmers (one Farmer or several Farmers together a minimum of 10 Acres at one place) willing to voluntarily offer their lands for the proposed Layout are hereby requested to contact the Office of The Commissioner / Special Land Acquisition Officer of Shivamogga – Bhadravathi Urban Development Authority

Sd/- Commissioner, Shivamogga – Bhadravathi Urban Development Authority, Shivamogga.

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Belated outrage

Steps to address Manipur issue must begin with change of leadership

After two and a half months of widespread and continuing violence in Manipur, which included a conflagration in early May, Prime Minister Narendra Modi finally broke his silence, after video images of tribal women being paraded naked in Thoubal district on May 4 once again showed up the heinous nature of the conflict in the State. But Mr. Modi is yet to acknowledge the causes and the consequences of the conflict that is threatening to spiral out of control. The Supreme Court of India's suo motu cognisance of the sexual assault seen in the video and its issuance of ultimatums to both the Union and the State governments to bring the perpetrators to book or to step aside and let the judiciary take action are a stinging indictment of their failure in restoring normalcy in Manipur. After outrage expressed by Members of Parliament and political representatives cutting across party lines, Mr. Modi, who has maintained a conspicuous and unexplained silence on the raging violence in Manipur, weighed in on the crime and promised punishment of the guilty. For a leader who has always sought the limelight and the need to dominate the airwaves, Mr. Modi's stand on the Manipur violence till now had betrayed an insouciant attitude towards the crisis in the State. The renewed attention on the Manipur conflict has finally led the State government to promise that it will bring the perpetrators to book, but the events of the last two and a half months reveal a significant gulf between the Meitei and the Kuki-Zo communities. Steps towards reconciliation would require much better leadership than what the much touted "double engine" government of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has offered so far.

Despite Home Minister Amit Shah's visit to Manipur in late May in the aftermath of the conflagration, there has been little movement on getting the displaced people back to their homes or ensuring a reduction in ethnic hostility; sporadic incidents of violence continue to roil the State. Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh's policies and utterances have shown that he is unable to rise above identitarian politics. The Kuki community sees him as part of the problem. The BJP too is divided on ethnic lines. If the sequence of events leading up to this situation and the festering ethnic hostility are anything to go by, it should be clear that Mr. Singh's continuation as the Chief Minister is untenable. But the BJP seems loath to antagonise Meitei majoritarians whose support allows Mr. Singh to retain power. While Mr. Singh's government has finally sought to take action against the crime committed on May 4, by arresting four men following the outrage, more needs to be done to reverse the hostile situation. Replacing Mr. Singh with a less controversial leader would allow for civil society representatives from the different ethnicities to begin reconciliation and peace initiatives in earnest.

The right approach

Bail should not be denied merely because police object to it strongly

Courts should adopt a clear-headed and common sense approach while considering the grant of bail, and should eschew the tendency to keep someone in prison merely because the police oppose bail with great vehemence. In granting regular bail to activist Teesta Setalvad, the Supreme Court of India has effectively rebuffed the Gujarat police stand that the purported gravity of the offence she is accused of is enough to deny her bail. As the case depends mainly on documentary evidence, all of it forming part of the charge sheet filed in the case, the Court really saw no need for her to be in judicial custody. Further, Ms. Setalvad had been subjected to custodial interrogation during a seven-day police remand shortly after her arrest in June 2022, and she was not called in for any further questioning ever since she was given interim bail by the Supreme Court in September. In effect, the three-judge Bench headed by Justice B.R. Gavai saw no real need to imprison someone during trial solely because the police strongly argued that she had allegedly fabricated evidence and goaded victims of the 2002 pogrom in Gujarat to level false charges against political leaders in a bid to implicate them in the communal carnage.

The Court posed some pertinent questions to the Gujarat police. The case of forgery and fabrication of evidence was registered shortly after the Supreme Court, while rejecting a riot victim's plea, had observed that those who had sought to malign the State government and its functionaries should be put in the dock. Ms. Setalvad had been arrested within a day, and the Court had questions about what investigation it had conducted within such a short time to justify her arrest. Notably, the apex court Bench was of the view that the High Court order refusing bail to her contradicted itself, as it had initially observed that it cannot go into the existence of a prima facie case, but had gone on to consider statements of witnesses against her. The ruling is yet another reminder that an order of bail must be the norm after considering whether the accused is likely to flee justice or will be available for trial, and if, once freed, will be in a position to influence witnesses or tamper with evidence. While the gravity of the offence is a factor, it need not be the sole consideration. The trial in this case is set to begin soon in a Sessions Court in Ahmedabad. One hopes it will settle the question whether activists assisting victims ought to have been proceeded against on the charge of trying to implicate innocent political leaders.

Publisher-platform imbalances need fixing

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How can our news media be safeguarded against the market power of domineering search engines, social media giants, and other so-called 'big tech' players mediating the digital economy? This is a classic public interest matter since the quality, diversity, and sustainability of publishers is of direct and immediate consequence to a user of digital news.

The numerous imbalances and fractures that scar the relationship between news publishers and technology platforms, are captured in two baskets of concerns: the absence of Fair Valuation (a matter of compensation), and that of Enumerative Accountability (a matter of transparency).

No doubt digital advertising revenues are jointly produced by publishers and platforms. However, publishers are hampered by a fair valuation of the share of such revenues generated by their journalism. Moreover, they are entirely dependent on the terms imposed by platforms operating under monopolist or duopolistic conditions. Such dependencies arise from platforms straddling multiple roles in digital news markets, especially as mediators in the search for online news content, and as providers of infrastructure to publishers to participate in the online advertising market.

The second imbalance stems from the lack of Enumerative Accountability. Platforms unilaterally define the measures of the quality and popularity of online news; they arbitrarily change measures to suit their own priorities, often after imposing them on publishers in the first place. Further, they refuse to share relevant data on advertising and viewership with stakeholders in the news economy, including with regulators and others assessing the health of digital markets.

Mitigation

In 2021, Australia tackled this by proposing a mechanism to govern the interaction between publishers and platforms. But the platforms retaliated. Facebook blocked its Australian users from accessing thousands of news sites, which included vital sources of public information during rampant wildfires and the COVID-19 pandemic. They only 'turned the news back on' after winning major concessions from the Australian government that were enshrined in the final draft of the News Media and Digital Platforms Mandatory Bargaining Code, 2021.

Due to the conduct of global big tech, imbalances that are harming news publishers are in turn hurting readers, listeners, and viewers of digital news

Since then, other governments have initiated different mechanisms to fix the imbalance between publishers and platforms. Last month, Canada's Online News Act warranted fair compensation for publishers and the sustainability of local news. The United Kingdom plans to introduce legislation to regulate the relationship between big tech and news outlets.

Even in the Global South, where publishers in some countries are vulnerable to big tech that also provide access to the online world, things are moving. While steps are underway in Brazil and South Africa, Indonesia's proposed Digital Platform Responsibilities for Quality Journalism is set to materialise through a presidential decree. The United States, which is the home of big tech, has yet to reveal its cards. In California, the den of big tech, the Journalism Preservation Act, where platforms are obliged to pay publishers for news content, has been put on hold until 2024, despite bi-partisan support from the State's lower house.

The vocabulary of these regulations – varied and fascinating in itself – refract different motivations and priorities. Nevertheless, their overarching aim is to correct the twin imbalances: ensure news outlets sharing their content through search engines, social media, or aggregators get a fair share of digital advertising revenues, and get visibility over the data generated by platforms from selling and distributing online news. Otherwise, news publishers will be forced to continue accepting unfair, and perhaps unsustainable, terms from platforms. They will hesitate to invest in producing high-quality journalism and ground-reportage, thereby ceding space in the digital public sphere to purveyors of misinformation and disinformation.

India's sluggish response

Unfortunately India has been slow in thinking, talking, and acting on mitigating these twin imbalances.

In December 2021, the Union Minister of State for Electronics and Technology denied in Parliament any desire to make big tech pay for news. He revised his position the next year, and in recent months has been increasingly talking about the disadvantages news publishers face in their dealings with platforms.

In 2021, the Digital News Publishers Association (DNPA) had filed a plea against Google in the Competition Commission of India (CCI). The DNPA, which is an association of print and broadcast publishers, accused Google of unfairly valuing their digital advertising share, not remunerating them for the snippets used by Google in its search results, and unilaterally deciding and arbitrarily altering the mutually agreed revenue sharing model.

The DNPA also pointed out Google sidestepping its enumerative accountability, neither sharing granular data pertaining to advertising revenue nor disclosing the basis for calculating such revenues.

The facts presented by DNPA, relevant for most, are however not quite fruitful for evidence-based policy making. In January 2022, the CCI rightly asked its office to investigate the matter in a report to be submitted within 60 days. In February 2022, The Indian Newspaper Society (INS) filed a similar plea; it also highlighted Google's search results not being based on the relevance of news content, thereby creating an uneven playing field among various publishers. It was no surprise that the CCI clubbed the investigations in both cases.

The report of the Standing Committee on Finance, in December 2022, on 'Anti-Competitive Practices by Big Tech Companies' echoed the concerns of the DNPA and the INS. It underscored that some digital markets are prone to dominance by one or two players, and within a very short span of time - that is, before policies can be formulated and anti-competitive practices are adjudged. The Standing Committee recommended the urgency of evaluating competitive behaviour before digital markets become monopolised. This is in contrast with the current practice of the ex-post, or retrospective, evaluation which is both time consuming and stretches state capacity. Had the CCI's report been submitted on schedule, the Standing Committee would have been better informed about the imbalances between publishers and platforms. This may have even motivated it to propose more concrete policy options, or at least be less generic in its observations.

It is almost 60 weeks for the CCI report which was to have been submitted in 60 days. The imbalances harming news publishers concomitantly harm readers, listeners, and viewers of digital news. This then becomes a matter where the interests of national news outlets clearly overlap with public interest. At this moment, both these interests are in tension, if not under stress, due to the conduct of global big tech.

An Internet ban will not restore peace in Manipur

Apar Gupta

is an advocate and the Founder Director of the Internet Freedom Foundation

Manipur is burning but the rest of India did not care. The violence in the State began on May 3, 2023, but the nation was in deep slumber till July 19. It took a video clip of sexual violence by a mob to surface and go viral on social media that day and 78 days for the Prime Minister of India to break his silence. During this period an Internet shutdown has continued in the northeast State. What was its propriety and its role in our national apathy?

Blanket order, no supportive data

Data from the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India show that the people of Manipur access the Internet primarily through their smartphones; and wired Internet users primarily constitute institutional, commercial and higher socio-economic groups. Out of a total pie of 0.05 million wireline and 2.36 wireless million users, about 2.2 million connect to the Internet. The Internet shutdown in Manipur, first enforced on May 3, is a case of blanket prohibition. The entire State is affected, and it is not a case of some of a total of 16 districts being affected; it covers all web traffic and mediums of connectivity.

The orders issued by the Commissioner (Home) of Manipur under the Telecom Suspension Rules use vague language in order to "thwart the design and activities of anti-national and anti-social elements... by stopping the spread of disinformation and false rumours, through various social media platforms". There is an absence of data or specific instances of violence being prevented due to the jamming of Internet connectivity. Before the weekly deadline lapses, a fresh order is passed, where each order is a mere reproduction of the earlier one but with minor changes in dates, thus making it clear that this could be indefinite. One may wonder about compliance following the reported Supreme Court of India judgment on Internet shutdowns in Jammu and Kashmir. There is a breach of directions that was made clear in *Anuradha Bhasin vs Union of India*.

In this period, reports have filtered in – these are besides the protests in Delhi and the information flow here – that document the injury being caused to the people of Manipur. The news is of extremes – from students from Manipur pursuing their education in the metropolitan cities running out of money to residents being unable to apply for their evacuation to relief camps. Around May 19, petitions challenging these orders – such as *Aribam Dhananjoy Sharma vs State of Manipur* – were filed in the High Court of Manipur. This case in particular is vital to understand evolving jurisprudence of "limited internet shutdowns" not only in Manipur but also the rest of India. After 10 dates of hearing on July 7, a direction was issued for partial restoration. The primary objective as framed by the High Court has been to assess "whether it is possible to provide limited usage of internet service to the public". This is constitutionally incongruent to judicial review for it avoids determining the legality of impugned orders. However, this follows an institutional grammar on Internet shutdowns.

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In *Anuradha Bhasin vs Union of India*, the Supreme Court failed to adjudicate on even one Internet shutdown order. The decision by itself did not result in restoration of access but for "State/competent authorities to review all orders suspending internet services". Its directions for transparency (such as publication of orders) have not been implemented as yet – as seen in the flurry of cases and recent joint report by Human Rights Watch and the Internet Freedom Foundation. Bringing lasting damage, this case carved out greater flexibility for, "limited internet shutdowns", with the possibility of access only to, "government websites, localized/limited e-banking facilities, hospitals services and other essential services, in those regions, wherein the internet services are not likely to be restored immediately.".

Judicial response

The High Court of Manipur has acted in congress with judicial doctrine and practices by its order on July 7. It directs provisional access for leased lines (primarily used by public departments and corporate offices), wired line services (with signed undertakings, a ban on social media, virtual private networks or VPNs and physical monitoring), and a technical trial for whitelisting of mobile Internet determined by the Home Department. There are no clear definitions on terms such as "social media" or examining continuing prohibition for Internet usage primarily through smartphones. Hence, in effect, a ban on Internet access continues in Manipur. The response of the Supreme Court has been one of judicial avoidance. The top court had an opportunity twice to adjudicate when a petitioner challenged the Internet shutdown and later when the State government itself appealed the order of the High Court for partial restoration. Even otherwise, it is peculiar as the Supreme Court is examining a broader issue regarding violence in D*inganglung Gangmei vs Mutum Churamani Meetei*. In this case, Internet shutdowns are an inherent element. For instance, the State government has in its Status Report dated July 10 before the Supreme Court, cited the Internet suspension as a security measure. Also, the Chief Minister on July 20, 2020, has in a media interview, stated, "[t]here are hundreds of similar cases and that is the reason why the internet is shut off in the state."

The vital role of information flow

In an Internet ban, misinformation spreads rather than abates. For instance, a press report dated June 1, by Hoineilhing Sitlhou, and published by the online portal, NewsClick, points out in chilling detail that disinformation served as a pretext for the perpetration of sexual violence against Kuki-Zo women. For Manipur, the video clip is a vital moment for a national awakening that must be achieved without any reputational and social harm to survivors of sexual violence and communal hatred. Information flows are also necessary to ensure the accountability of the State and central governments in taking steps to ensure truth, justice and reconciliation. Accountability can only come when the courts improve on the precedent of the Anuradha Bhasin case and demand it from the State and central executive. So the question that needs to be asked again is: what was the propriety of the Internet shutdown and role in our national apathy? We will never have these answers till we hear the voices of Manipur.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Manipur unrest

No sane person will ever buy the story put out by the Manipur Chief Minister — that he "got to know of the incident only after a video went viral on Wednesday" (Page 1, "Four held in Manipur sexual assault case", July 21). Is the country's intelligence system so inept that it failed to tell the high constitutional authorities who matter about this horrific incident?

What is even more distressing is the attempt to try and equate the Manipur horror with cases of assault against women in non-Bharatiya Janata Party-ruled States such as Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh. This can be read as an attempt at whataboutery in trying to 'normalise' heinous crimes.

S. Sanjeevi Rao,
Puducherry

The situation in Manipur is deteriorating, human rights are being violated and the right of women to security is fading. The conflict is crossing the point of no return. The central government must step in. The role of the Prime Minister is important in such a situation.

Arshad Ali,
Badulipar, Golaghat, Assam

The sharp points by the Supreme Court of India spell some hope for the people of Manipur. Stringent measures need to be taken as early as possible for peace to return.

Jefrin Martin S.J.,
Dindigul, Tamil Nadu

Judiciary's remark

The judiciary's observation, that "using women as instruments of perpetrating violence in a charged atmosphere is completely unacceptable in a constitutional democracy", is odd. Why only in a constitutional democracy? It is unacceptable anywhere. Women are the primary victims of violence.

Anuradha Oza,
Navi Mumbai

Corrections & Clarifications

An Opinion page article titled "Authorities who misconstrue authority" (July 19, 2023) had an erroneous reference to a discussion on the PMLA Bill in the Rajya Sabha in 2022. The year should have been 2002.

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When the river rose

Life came to a halt in several parts of Delhi as the Yamuna river, which was flowing at an all-time high, inundated many areas of the city. **Alisha Dutta** and **Nikhil M. Babu** report on how encroachments as well as official 'developmental' works continue to take place along the river despite warnings by the National Green Tribunal

Every day, during the monsoon season, Rakhi Kumari, 18, checks the water levels of the Yamuna river near her house in Delhi. Her family of five, which lives in *jhuggis* (huts) on the floodplains of the river, has entrusted her with this responsibility.

In early July, when the monsoon was already well under way, Rakhi took a 20-minute walk from her house to the riverside to check if the water level had crossed the danger mark. "The monsoon season is always alarming for us," said Rakhi, who runs a vocational unit in the area and teaches children how to stitch clothes. "Every year, the floodwater inundates our houses. We have made marks on trees on the river bed. This helps us decide when to pick up our belongings and take them to an elevated area."

The Yamuna floodplains span nearly 10,000 hectares of land. They are cleaved by the river, which flows for 54 kilometres across Delhi. The silt deposited by the Yamuna, the longest tributary of the Ganga, sustains many *khadars* or urban agricultural settlements such as Rakhi's. It enriches the soil and fosters crop production.

On that day, Rakhi saw the water level rise, but was relieved to find that it had not crossed the danger mark. However, on July 11, she and her neighbours began to panic as rains lashed the city and they found themselves in knee-deep water in just a few hours. Their *jhuggis* had never been so inundated in at least a decade. "When water is released from the Hathnikund barrage, it usually enters our homes and is ankle-deep. But this time, we found ourselves knee-deep in water. Soon, our houses were completely submerged," Rakhi said while feeding her family's only remaining buffalo.

Two of the buffaloes had drowned and two were yet to be traced. Rakhi and her family were forced to move to a make-shift tent on a flyover near a metro station. The government has set up some tents on Pusta Road, while other tents have been put up by the residents of Yamuna Khadar.

Delhi saw the highest 24-hour rainfall in 41 years for the month of July on July 9 (153 mm). But while the Yamuna's floodwaters kept rising, and reached a peak on July 13, the city received only scattered rainfall. The spate of the Yamuna was due to heavy rainfall in Himachal Pradesh and other upper reaches, which are upstream of Delhi. While the government established relief camps in various areas, not all flood-affected people have received relief, they said.

Several States in north India received record rainfall in July. According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), north-west India experienced 59% excess rainfall than what is normal in the first fortnight of July. This occurred due to active monsoon conditions and a passing 'Western Disturbance' or an extratropical storm originating in Central Asia. The excess rainfall resulted in flooding, water-logging, and loss of property, leaving some areas paralysed for days.

Magnitude of floods

On July 10, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said that taking into account various predictions by experts, a substantial increase in the water levels of the Yamuna was unlikely. But at 5 p.m. that day, the river breached the danger mark and continued to rise to an all-time high on July 13.

The Delhi Police asked the residents of Yamuna Khadar, and those in other areas along the river bank, to move to safer places. But many stayed back, fearing loss of property and cattle.

Srinivas Saik, 35, was one of them. As his house flooded, he asked his wife and children to leave on a rescue boat on July 13. "Everyone knows that once you leave your *jhuggi*, you lose it," he said. "And the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) anyway wants us to go."

Srinivas took his buffaloes and moved to a nearby stretch on higher ground for four days. From there, he kept an eye on his *jhuggi*, which was fast disappearing under the rising muddy water. Soon, he realised that the ground on which he had sought refuge was also inundated. He was forced to move again.

Bereft of his possessions, Srinivas sat on a highway, mournfully staring at the plains that were once the source of his livelihood. "First the erratic rains partially destroyed our crops. Now, the floods have completely destroyed them. How are we supposed to make ends meet?" he said.

His neighbour, Rahul Kumar, rued that all the crops that got destroyed were on the verge of being harvested. "For the next 4-5 months, there will be no harvest and no earnings," he said.

Srinivas and Rahul are among the many who have leased land on the floodplains for cultivation. However, despite the losses, they will have to pay rent, said Srinivas. "The owners will demand the lease instalments and will also take any compensation that comes from the government. We will not get anything," lamented Rahul, a farmer whose father migrated to Delhi decades ago from Uttar Pradesh.

The magnitude of the floods in Delhi is prompting *khadar* settlers to rethink their traditional practice of farming in the floodplains. "If floods of this magnitude keep happening, we will have to move back to our home towns or find work in another city," said Rahul.

This, according to experts, is a high possibility. Torrential rains, and consequently floods, are expected to take place more often, they said. "The ongoing spell of extremely heavy rains is due to the alignment of three weather systems," said Mahesh Palawat, vice president, Meteorology and Climate Change, Skymet Weather. "One, the Western Disturbance over the Western Himalayas. Two, the cyclonic circulation over the north-western plains. And three, the Axis of Monsoon trough running across Indo-Gangetic plains. This a giant belt of low pressure located in the east-west direction from north-west Rajasthan till the Bay of Bengal. Its movement influences the quantity of rainfall in monsoon."

Water from the Yamuna enters Vikas Marg in New Delhi following the release of water from the Hathnikund barrage. R.V. MOORTHY

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> **RAHUL KUMAR**
> Farmer

"This alignment is not happening for the first time; it is the usual pattern during the monsoon. However, global warming-led changes in monsoon patterns have made a difference. There has been a constant rise in both land and sea temperatures, which has increased the capacity of the air to hold moisture for a longer time. Thus, the role of climate change in the increasing extreme weather events in India has been strengthening with each passing year," he explained.

Encroachments on the floodplains

The journey of the Yamuna through Delhi is uneven. The width of the river can range from 800 metres to 3 km at various stretches. Experts have been saying for decades that the floodplains should be free of encroachments and large settlements, to aid the natural course of the river.

After the 1978 floods in Delhi, the biggest in the city before 2023, a Yamuna Standing Committee had recommended in 1979 that the "minimum spacing between future embankments on the banks of the river Yamuna be 5 km and the embankment aligned at a minimum distance of at least 600 m from the 'active river edge' at the time of construction of embankments."

In 2014, another committee constituted by the National Green Tribunal (NGT) observed that "unfortunately" the decision had not been followed and the maximum distance between the two embankments of the river was less than 2 km. As a result, "the floodwater-carrying capacity of the river had been greatly compromised." Delhi saw substantial floods in 2010 and 2013 and this, the committee warned, pointed to a "growing flood hazard".

Nine years later, the Yamuna has flooded Delhi again. This time, the flood waters reached the highest-ever recorded level (208.66 m), inundating houses and arterial roads, and forcing thousands to move to relief camps.

"The current situation of the Yamuna floodplains is worse than 2014, when the report highlighted the issue. More illegal encroachments on the floodplains have left less space for the river to flow and for the water to percolate," said A.K. Gosain, professor emeritus of the Department of Civil Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi, and a member of a Principal Committee appointed by the NGT.

In 1987, a study by the Central Water and Power Research Station, Pune, warned that a reduction in the channel width, and construction of guide bunds on the floodplains, would increase the hazard of flooding on both sides of the river. In the years since, nearly 14 bridges have been constructed between the city's Wazirabad and Okhla barrages. These contribute to the city's flooding woes, said experts.

The flood-affected people of Yamuna Khadar await food at a relief camp in Mayur Vihar in East Delhi. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

In 2015, in a landmark judgment in a case filed by Manoj Mishra, a former Indian Forest Service officer, the NGT formed the Maily Se Nirmal Yamuna Revitalization Plan, 2017, to clean the Yamuna and restore the floodplains by March 31, 2017. The judgment warned of "grave environmental disasters". The NGT constituted a Principal Committee to identify all the existing structures in the floodplains and recommend which of them ought to be demolished.

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> **A.K. GOSAIN**
> Professor emeritus, Department of Civil Engineering, IIT Delhi

Eight years later, official documents show that this is yet to be done. "Nobody is interested. The DDA knows that if these structures are identified, they will have to take further action and even demolish these encroachments," Gosain said.

Apart from illegal encroachments, many official developmental works such as the Akshardham Temple, the Commonwealth Games Village, the Yamuna Bank Metro Station, and the Delhi Secretariat are built on the Yamuna floodplains.

The 2015 judgment had also directed the DDA, which is under the Central government, to physically demarcate the floodplains and prohibit construction activities in the demarcated region. "But when the Principal Committee visited the floodplains, it found that the demarcation was not done properly," Gosain said.

As per the DDA's Master Plan 2021, the floodplains are termed as 'Zone O'. But in the Draft Master Plan 2041, the floodplains have been divided into Zone O-I and O-II. While no construction would be permitted in Zone O-I or the 'river zone' (6,295 ha), regulated development will be allowed in Zone O-II (3,638.36 ha).

"Why should they allow construction in the floodplains by terming it as Zone O-II? The 2015 judgment is clear that there cannot be any construction unless it is extremely important and that too done after careful scrutiny," said Gosain.

A.K. Jain, former commissioner (Planning) of the DDA, also said that allowing construction in Zone O-II would be dangerous. When asked why encroachments still happen in floodplains, he said, "There is political pressure and authorities are not autonomous. There is a nexus of politicians, bureaucrats, and the land mafia."

Even the riverfront development project of the DDA includes pavements and permanent structures on the floodplains. "When we visited one of the river development sites, there were permanent constructions coming up on the riverfront. This will reduce the absorption capacity of the soil and reduce the area for the river to flow. And because of that, when the water level increases, the river will reclaim its natural flow area," said Bhim Singh Rawat, associate coordinator, South Asia Networks on Dams, Rivers and People.

"Whenever it comes to our notice that there is encroachment, it is removed," a DDA spokesperson said. But the DDA did not respond to specific questions on the other issues.

A political flashpoint

During the floods, the release of water from Hathnikund barrage in Haryana, which is upstream of Delhi, became a political flashpoint between the AAP, which is in power in Delhi, and the BJP, which governs Haryana. The water level of the Yamuna in Delhi depends heavily on the amount of water that is released from barrage.

After the Yamuna enters Delhi at Palla, it flows through Wazirabad to reach ITO, located at the heart of the city, before exiting from the Okhla barrage. The ITO barrage, though located in Delhi, is owned by the Haryana government. The Delhi government has alleged that five of the 32 gates of the barrage were "stuck," which caused the flooding in parts of Delhi.

Haryana government representatives said that the "required number of gates" were opened to their maximum limit for safe discharge of floodwater. Even the highest discharge passed without any hindrance, they said. Bhim Singh pointed out that though there are six flood monitoring stations between Hathnikund in Haryana and Old Railway Bridge in Delhi, the Yamuna waters breached the Highest Flood Level only in Delhi, which "showed" that the problem lay in Delhi.

While the floodplain dwellers are used to moving into tents during the monsoon, those living in the residential parts of the city which abut the Yamuna were taken by surprise. Sandhya Raman, a resident of Civil Lines, said that in the past 30 years, she had never seen the area become so flooded. "From my first-floor balcony I could see many cars 'swimming' on the main road," she said. Her family of four moved to a relative's place in Defence Colony for the next four days as electricity was cut off as a precautionary measure.

Even before the Yamuna flooded the city, there was heavy urban flooding due to rains on July 9. Several stretches of the city could not be navigated. Currently, if there is about 100 mm of rainfall in 24 hours, even if the Yamuna flows at normal levels, the city goes under water. Due to urban flooding, in July 2020, a driver, 56, died in a waterlogged stretch under Minto Bridge in the heart of the city. Similarly, in July 2021, a 27-year-old drowned in a waterlogged underpass in Pul Prahladpur.

On June 10, Kejriwal said that Delhi's system is not designed to handle "unprecedented" rainfall. At the core of this problem is the city's drainage master plan, made in 1976, when the population of the city was only about 60 lakh. Since then, the population has increased about four times, but a new drainage master plan is yet to be finalised and implemented by the Delhi government.

In 2011, the Delhi government signed a Memorandum of Understanding with IIT Delhi for a Drainage Master Plan to find a solution to waterlogging. Though IIT Delhi submitted the final draft to the Delhi government in 2018, a technical expert committee advised the Delhi government not to accept it. So, the government is now trying to get it done by private players and has floated tenders, but it has not made much headway.

Nishtha Gautam, a resident of Civil Lines, moved to a hotel when her area got flooded. Aware of the possibility of the increasing frequency and magnitude of flooding in the area, Nishtha said that she was pondering a big decision. "Given Delhi's air quality and its susceptibility to such calamities, I am thinking of moving back to my hometown near Mathura," she said.

With inputs from Jacob Koshy

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Modi raises aspirations of Tamils with Ranil

The MoU on Trincomalee is aimed at developing the port and its nearby areas as a "regional hub for industry, energy, including renewable energy," Foreign Secretary Vinay Mohan Kwatra said while briefing the media about the ongoing visit. The agreement on digital transactions was signed between Lanka Pay and ECI International to facilitate acceptance of India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) in Sri Lanka.

Mr. Modi announced a package of ₹75 crore for various development projects for the Tamil community of Indian origin. India will also contribute additionally for development programmes in the northern and eastern parts of Sri Lanka.

The two sides adopted a vision document to enhance maritime, energy and people-to-people connectivity. Mr. Modi announced that a passenger ferry service will be launched soon to connect Tamil Nadu's Nagapattinam and northern Sri Lanka's Kankesanthurai. "We have decided to fast-track the work of connecting the electricity grids of both countries," he announced.

President Wickremesinghe said that his plan will "benefit all segments of Sri Lankan society".

PM's absence spurs Opposition protests

In the Rajya Sabha, other than Manipur, the Delhi Services Bill to replace the Ordinance, which effectively vests power over the civil services in the Capital to the Lieutenant Governor, was also at the centre of protest. Trouble began as soon as Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar started listing out the duration of time fixed for various Bills. Just as he was speaking about the time allotted for the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Bill, 2023, that replaces the Ordinance, AAP's floor leader Sanjay Singh forcefully interjected, calling the Bill anti-constitutional. Members from INDIA parties stood up in his support.

Mr. Dhankhar's admonition asking the members to maintain decorum was ignored.

The Congress, meanwhile, tried to flag the Manipur issue and Trinamool Congress MP Derek O'Brien questioned Mr. Dhankhar's decision to expunge parts of the remarks that he made on the floor on Thursday. Pandemonium broke out on all sides and Mr. Dhankhar, instead of proceeding to read the rest of the list, adjourned the House till 2.30 pm. Similar scenes were repeated in the post-lunch session too, which lasted for six minutes.

More cases of sexual assault surface

After the video of the Thoubal incident went viral this week, despite an Internet ban that has been imposed in the State, four accused were arrested.

Thianna Vaiphei Sauntak, a pastor at Pheitaiching village, told *The Hindu* that he had found the semi-charred body of the 45-year-old mother of two on May 7, a day after a large mob had attacked the village.

"The body was half burnt, she was naked. The body was taken away to a government hospital in Imphal, we do not know where it is," Mr. Sauntak said.

The pastor recalled that armed men wearing black shirts had descended on the village on May 6. He claimed that Manipur Police commandos had accompanied the mob.

According to another zero FIR registered in Kangpokpi, two women were raped and murdered in Imphal East on May 4. The FIR, filed by the mother of one of the women and accessed by *The Hindu*, said that they had been tortured by a mob of 100 to 200 persons at their rented house near Konung Mamang. In her complaint, the mother said that the bodies were yet to be recovered.

A case of assault or criminal force with an intent to outrage modesty, kidnapping or abduction for murder, wrongful concealing, rape and murder has been registered against "unknown miscreants."

No suspension of Rahul's conviction

Mr. Singhvi then pressed for the next "shortest possible date" for the hearing. He highlighted the need for an urgent hearing of the case as 111 days had already passed since Mr. Gandhi's disqualification from the House. He has already missed one session, and is unable to participate in the ongoing monsoon sitting of Parliament.

When senior advocate Mahesh Jethmalani objected, Mr. Singhvi said, "Your client needs to be bothered only about the conviction part and not the disqualification part."

Mr. Singhvi said the byelections for the Wayanad constituency may be announced at any time. There was a constitutional mandate under Section 151A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 not to allow the vacancy of a seat for more than six months.

"We will take it up on August 4. The question we have to decide is whether the conviction deserves to be suspended or not," Justice Gavai observed.

Assam Rifles files sedition case against Imphal group

COCOMI convener was charged for urging people not to surrender weapons; of the more than 4,000 weapons that were taken from the police armouries, only 1,600 have been returned

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

Instruments of death: A cache of weapons recovered by the Indian Army along with the Assam Rifles and the Manipur Police during a joint operation in Imphal East on June 28. ANI

The Assam Rifles has registered a case of sedition and defamation against the chief of the Coordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity (COCOMI), an influential civil society group in Imphal.

A defence source said that a first information report (FIR) was registered against COCOMI on July 10, after the outfit gave a call to people "not to surrender weapons".

After ethnic violence erupted in the State on May 3, more than 4,000 weapons and lakhs of ammunition pieces were either robbed or taken away from police armouries. Only a little over 1,600 weapons have been recovered by the police or surrendered by the public so far.

A large number of arms that are still with the public have become a cause of concern for security forces.

The FIR has been registered against Jitendra Ningomba, convener of COCOMI, at the Churachandpur police station, under Section 124 A of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), pertaining to sedition; Section 153 A IPC, promoting enmity between different groups on ground of religion, race, place of birth, residence, language, etc., acts prejudicial to maintenance of harmony; Section 500, punishment for defamation; and Section 505 for offence in any place of worship. Mr. Ningomba said that he was not aware of the case.

COCOMI has alleged that a large number of women protestors were assaulted by the Indian Army in the Moirang area of Bishnupur on June 30. The Army has denied the allegation.

In a memorandum to the Home Minister on June 4, COCOMI demanded that the Assam Rifles be replaced with any other Central armed police force, adding that local youth were not willing to surrender arms amid attacks by "Kuki terrorists".

Deal with State, Nagas

After a Naga woman was shot dead in Imphal East on July 15, COCOMI owned up moral responsibility and signed a tripartite memorandum with the United Naga Council and N. Geoffrey, Secretary to Chief Minister N. Biren Singh.

The agreement said that the State government would pay a compensation of ₹10 lakh to the next of kin of the deceased, and the outfit would ensure that no such untoward incident or harassment is meted out to any community in future.

COCOMI was originally a part of the peace committee constituted by Governor Anusuiya Uikey in June, but refused to participate till action was taken against "narco-terrorists and illegal immigrants from Myanmar".

Earlier, a case for sedition and promoting enmity among groups was registered against Jagat Thoudam, adviser to the Indigenous People's Front (IPF) and an aide of the Manipur CM, at Imphal West police station on the complaint of the Assam Rifles.

NCW was informed of 6 incidents of violence in Manipur on June 12

Sreeparna Chakrabarty
NEW DELHI

The National Commission for Women (NCW) had been apprised of the alleged incident of women being paraded naked and brutally assaulted in Manipur on June 12, more than a month before a video of the incident surfaced on social media on July 19.

Two women activists and a civil society organisation called the North American Manipur Tribal Association (NAMTA) had emailed an appeal to NCW Chairperson Rekha Sharma, listing six incidents of violence and assault against women belonging to the Kuki tribe. This included mention of the gang rape and assault of women in B. Phainom village of Kangpokpi district on May 4, which was captured in the video clip.

The other incidents listed in the appeal are alleged harassment and abuse of students and staff from Kuki-Zomi communities on the Manipur University campus in Imphal on May 3; harassment of two young women at Nightingale Nurse Institute in Imphal on May 4; the alleged rape and murder of two young women in the Konung Mamang area of Imphal on May 5; the killing of a 45-year old woman in Pheitaiching village of Kangpokpi district; and sexual assault of an 18-year-old in Wangkhei on May 15.

The activists who did not give their consent to be identified compiled the incidents based on their interviews with the victims. "The number of affected parties may be more than reported," the appeal, a copy of which is available with *The Hindu*, said.

The June 12 appeal underlined the serious gravity of "gender-based violence, appalling levels of women's rights violations, and continued threats to the physical safety and psychological well-being of Kuki-Zomi women", and requested the NCW to "take *suo motu* cognizance of the matter and if possible, constitute an Inquiry Committee".

After the video clip created an uproar, the NCW chief on Thursday tweeted that the commission had taken *suo motu* cognisance of the said incident.

Ms. Sharma confirmed to *The Hindu* that the appeal letter had indeed been received and as a follow-up, the NCW had written to Manipur Chief Secretary Vineet Joshi on June 19 to take action.

"Till now, we have written four times to the Manipur government on May 23, May 29, June 19 and on July 20," Ms. Sharma said, adding that the NCW had not received any response from the Manipur administration.

Varanasi court orders ASI survey of Gyanvapi mosque

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The Gyanvapi mosque

A court in Varanasi on Friday directed the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to conduct a scientific survey of the Gyanvapi mosque located next to the Kashi Vishwanath temple in the city.

The *wazukhana* – a small pool inside the mosque where Hindu litigants claim that a *shivling* exists – will not be part of the survey, in the wake of an earlier Supreme Court order to protect the area.

The court of A.K. Vishvesh upheld the petition of a group of Hindus seeking a survey to determine if the Mughal-era mosque was built at the site of an earlier Hindu temple. The court fixed August 4 as the next date of hearing, according to government counsel Rajesh Mishra.

The mosque management's counsel, Mohammed Tauhid Khan, said it would challenge the order in a higher court. "It is not acceptable. This survey could cause damage to the mosque," he said.

Vishnu Shankar Jain, counsel for the Hindu side, had earlier argued that the dispute can be resolved only by an archaeological investigation of the entire mosque complex.

Earlier, the Supreme Court had ordered the protection of the area around the claimed *shivling*, found when a local court ordered a video survey of the complex. Following the order, the *wazukhana* was sealed.

The mosque management has maintained that the structure was part of a water fountain.

Golden hour vital in treating stroke, say neuro experts at *The Hindu* Wellness webinar

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

There is a need to educate people about the early symptoms of a stroke and the need to respond as soon as possible, noted neurologists who were part of *The Hindu* wellness webinar on the 'Prevention of Brain attack' on Friday.

Doctors who participated in the webinar presented by Kauvery Hospital on the eve of World Brain Day reiterated the importance of the initial 4.5 hours after a stroke. They emphasised that any symptom that feels out of character – such as sudden and severe headache, stiffness or neck pain, speech slur, arm weakness and imbalanced walk – could be a warning of a stroke or brain attack and has to be treated immediately.

Early intervention could lead to faster recovery and reducing disability, said S. Srihari, Consultant, Brain and Spine Surgeon from Tiruchi. Though strokes were preventable and new treatment options were available, 80% of people lacked the awareness to identify the warning signs of a stroke.

Sivarajan Thandeeswaran, Senior Consultant, Neurology and Neuroscience at Kauvery Hospital, Chennai, spoke about the FAST (Face, Arm, Speech and Time to call for help) approach. "People should not ignore the symptoms of facial asymmetry, inability to raise a hand and speak a few simple words. If any of these are seen, the patient should be rushed to a comprehensive stroke care clinic," he said.

Surgical management is rarely needed if clot busters are administered upon diagnosis at the earliest, the neurologists said. Dr. Srihari said India records one stroke every 40 seconds and one stroke death every four minutes. The incidence of brain attacks has become higher now in those between 25-40 years compared with earlier times when it was mostly seen in the older age group, he added.

Dr. Thandeeswaran said the risk factors, including excess weight, diabetes, high or uncontrolled blood pressure and sedentary lifestyle, could be addressed. "People must control their parameters and be on the move because sitting is the new smoking and kills more than any other lifestyle habit," he said.

Good sleep, daily exercise, intake of healthy food and pursuing a hobby would help to limit stress, the doctors said.

Rajasthan Minister sacked for remark

The Hindu Bureau
JAIPUR

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on Friday dismissed Minister of State for Soldiers' Welfare Rajendra Gudha, hours after he drew parallels between the sexual violence in Manipur and alleged atrocities against women in Rajasthan.

Mr. Gudha, considered a loyalist of former Deputy Chief Minister Sachin Pilot, has been criticising his own government on different issues.

During the debate on the Bill on minimum guaranteed income, he said the Congress government should pay attention to providing security to women in the State in view of atrocities against them having increased. "Instead of raising the issue of Manipur, we should introspect about our own performance," he said. Mr. Gudha was among the six BSP MLAs who had merged with the Congress in 2019.

Abe's genius lay in ability to look beyond alliances: Jaishankar

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Jaishankar, second from left, with Hiroshi Suzuki, second from right, at the book launch ceremony in New Delhi. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Describing former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe as the first leader to think "beyond alliances", External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar on Thursday paid tributes to the late leader who had first proposed the Australia-India-Japan-U.S. Quadrilateral, or 'Quad' dialogue in the Indo-Pacific.

Mr. Jaishankar was speaking at the launch of the book, *The Importance of Shinzo Abe*, which documents the former Japanese PM's engagement with India, and in particular his relationship with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh.

Japan's Ambassador to India Hiroshi Suzuki, who served with Abe during both his tenures as Prime Minister, recalled how even though the Quad didn't succeed the first time, after Australia pulled out of it in 2008, Abe made it his priority as soon as he returned to power in 2012, and the grouping was eventually revived in 2017.

"I say this, to some degree out of in-person conversations with him, Abe was actually a person who foresaw a world beyond alliances, than perhaps any alliance leader or G-7 politician of that era," Mr. Jaishankar said.

"His relationship with Dr. Manmohan Singh was wonderful, but he had a special relationship with Mr. Modi," Mr. Suzuki said, referring to Abe's invitation to Mr. Modi to visit his cottage near Mt. Fuji in 2018, which he said was not a courtesy he extended to any other leader.

The book contains 16 essays by scholars in India and Japan, and includes a foreword by Mr. Jaishankar. The event in Delhi on Thursday brought together a number of diplomats and officials who had worked on the India-Japan relationship, as well as the Ambassadors of Bhutan and Denmark, who had dealt with Japan during Abe's tenure as Prime Minister.

Multipolar world

The book has been edited by columnist Sanjaya Baru, who served as media adviser to former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh.

Mr. Baru recalled Abe's "Confluence of seas" speech delivered in the Indian Parliament in 2007, where he first promoted the idea of the "Indo-Pacific" rather than the more land-centric "Asia Pacific".

"The genius of Abe was to understand [the importance of the U.S. alliance] and yet beyond that look for options, explore possibilities...It is a world where alliances coexist with other relationships ... a much more multipolar world," Mr. Jaishankar said, referring to the fact that India joined the Quad as the only member that is not in a military alliance like the U.S. and Japan and the U.S. and Australia are.

Impose President's Rule in Manipur, Cong. urges Murmu

Congress leader P. Chidambaram seeks neutral administration under President's Rule for communities in the State to start a dialogue

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Members of the Tamil Nadu Youth Congress stage a protest against the ongoing ethnic violence in Manipur, in Chennai, on Friday. PTI

The Union government should dismiss the Biren Singh government in Manipur and impose President's Rule in order to start the peace process under a neutral administration, the Congress said on Friday.

The party objected to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's statement in which he equated crimes against women in the Congress-ruled Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh with the May 4 Manipur incident in which two women were paraded naked by a mob.

Referring to Mr. Modi's statement about being angry over the incident, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge tweeted, "If you were angry then instead of making false equivalence with Congress-governed States, you could have first dismissed your Chief Minister of Manipur."

'Dismissal, first step'

In a Twitter post, P. Chidambaram, a former Home Minister, explained why the Chief Minister's dismissal could be the first step for different communities to reconcile their differences. He said Meiteis, Kukis and Nagas have to live together under whatever legal arrangements are accepted by all. "Each ethnic group has grievances against another group. Irrespective of who is right or wrong, eventually the three groups must talk to each other and arrive at a social and political compact," he said. "To enable Meiteis and Kukis to stop the violence and talk to each other, there must be a neutral administration. That is why I have pleaded that a spell of President's Rule is desirable," he said.

The party also questioned the National Commission for Women for not taking action against the Biren Singh government despite receiving a complaint about the incident.

"The CM has no moral right to continue in his position, he must step down immediately. The PM must speak in Parliament after which a discussion should take place," Congress leader Jairam Ramesh tweeted.

Addressing a press conference, Congress leaders Pramod Tiwari and Pawan Khera appealed to President Droupadi Murmu to exercise her powers to dismiss the State government. "If the country now has any hope, it is from President Droupadi Murmu*ji*. We want to urge you to use your special powers and dismiss the government in Manipur," Mr. Khera said.

BJP questions crimes against women in Bengal and Rajasthan

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The BJP went on the offensive on Friday, lashing out at the West Bengal and Rajasthan governments – ruled by the Trinamool Congress and the Congress respectively – regarding their record on crimes against women.

BJP MP Locket Chatterjee broke down in tears at a press conference, asking whether atrocities against women in these States would only get attention if there were viral videos recording such incidents. She was referring to the viral video of two women being stripped and paraded naked in Manipur.

Union Minister Gajendra Shekhawat also highlighted similar crimes against women in Rajasthan in a separate press conference.

Alleging that a "Manipur-like" situation prevailed in West Bengal, BJP State president Sukanta Majumdar said a woman was paraded naked in South Panchla for daring to contest the recent panchayat polls in the State.

Mr. Majumdar and Ms. Chatterjee mentioned atrocities against women taking place in Alipurduar and Birbhum.

Over 57 people have been killed in violence during and after the polls in the State, Mr. Majumdar said. "The West Bengal Chief Minister is silent despite being a woman. You tell us where we will go. We also want our daughters to be saved," Ms. Chatterjee said.

'Failed State'

Both leaders condemned the incident in Manipur but asked whether videos of similar crimes in West Bengal needed to go viral for people to pay attention to the situation there.

"Democracy has been murdered in the State. Mamata Banerjee should first take care of Bengal before travelling to Manipur," Ms. Chatterjee said.

Mr. Shekhawat and BJP national general secretary Arun Singh alleged that Congress-ruled Rajasthan had become a "completely failed State", with at least 17 cases of rape being registered every day.

No evidence of Panchla incident, says Bengal DGP

KOLKATA

Amidst allegations by the BJP leadership that a candidate contesting rural polls was stripped and paraded at Panchla in West Bengal, the State's Director-General of Police Manoj Malaviya on Friday said that police have found no evidence of such a crime.

Derek O'Brien objects to his remarks being expunged

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Objecting to Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar's decision to expunge a part of his remarks made on Thursday, Trinamool Congress leader Derek O'Brien shot off a letter to him saying that the point of order he had raised was within the "true essence of democracy" and anything but "unparliamentary".

Mr. O'Brien's remarks were aimed at seeking Prime Minister Narendra Modi's response on the ongoing ethnic violence in Manipur.

Quoting from Mr. Modi's speech made in June 2014, when the Prime Minister had said that "our democracy will not sustain if we can't guarantee freedom of speech and expression", the Trinamool leader said, "Easier said than done. Phrases from my point of order on July 20 were expunged by the exercise of the Presiding Officer's discretion," he said.

He asserted in the letter that he was only "duly and rightfully" questioning the Prime Minister about the law and order situation in Manipur.

"The point of order made by me and the questions asked therein were within the true essence of democracy and anything but 'unparliamentary'," Mr. O'Brien said.

Centre seeks more social diversity in judges' appointment

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Arjun Ram Meghwal

Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal on Friday informed the Lok Sabha that of the 604 judges appointed since 2018 to various High Courts, 454 belong to the general category.

Mr. Meghwal's written answer was in response to a question by Asaduddin Owaisi, All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen MP, who asked if "79% of the High Court judges appointed since 2018 belonged to upper castes".

The Minister also informed the member that judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts are appointed under Articles 124, 217 and 224 of the Constitution that do not provide for reservation for any caste or class.

However, he said, the government has been requesting the Chief Justices of High Courts to ensure social diversity by considering suitable candidates from Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), Other Backward Classes (OBC), minorities, and women.

Mr. Meghwal gave a breakdown of the social background of the judges on the basis of an annexure that they are supposed to fill at the time of recommendation. "As per information provided by the recommendees, out of 604 High Court Judges appointed since 2018 till 17.07.2023, 458 Judges belong to the General Category...," the Minister replied.

18 from SC, 9 from ST

The Minister noted that 18 judges belong to the SC category, nine are from the ST category, 72 from OBC category, 34 from Minority category and for the remaining 13 judges, there is no information available in the annexures filled by them.

"As per the Memorandum of Procedure for appointment of Judges in the Supreme Court and High Courts, the government appoints only those persons who are recommended by the Supreme Court Collegium," Mr. Meghwal added.

In another written answer, the Minister told the Lok Sabha that the Supreme Court has disposed of nearly 26,000 cases so far this year while the 25 High Courts have settled over 5.23 lakh cases.

EC says proposal for more reserved seats in Assam welcomed

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

A team of the Election Commission (EC), which concluded its three-day consultation in Guwahati on Friday, said the proposal to increase the number of reserved seats in Assam was widely welcomed by different organisations.

The EC published the draft delimitation proposal for Assam in June.

While the number of Assembly and Lok Sabha seats was kept unchanged at 126 and 14, respectively, the number of seats reserved for the Scheduled Tribes was increased from 16 to 19, and for the Scheduled Castes from eight to nine.

The geographical boundaries of several constituencies were also proposed to be altered.

Apart from welcoming the increase in the number of reserved constituencies, several organisations also welcomed the draft proposal based on the 2001 Census, the poll panel headed by Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar said after the consultative exercise that involved hearing more than 1,200 representations from 31 districts and 20 political organisations.

J&K leaders meet L-G

Leaders of the Peoples Alliance for the Gupkar Declaration on Friday urged the J&K Lieutenant-Governor to retain the autonomy of the Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences.

Yasin Malik comes to SC to argue his case; official orders inquiry

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court and the Union government were surprised to spot Kashmiri separatist leader Yasin Malik, who is serving a life sentence in Tihar Jail in a terror-funding case, waiting for his turn in the courtroom to argue his case in-person on Friday.

Malik was seen with a posse of the prison security staff in the courtroom of Justices Surya Kant and Dipankar Datta.

The Bench asked what a life convict was doing appearing in-person. Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta and Additional Solicitor-General S.V. Raju criticised the jail authorities for bringing Malik, a high-security prisoner, to the top court in such a "careless and cavalier manner".

"He could have appeared through video conferencing without compromising anything," the Bench remarked.

Mr. Mehta noted that no one can appear in-person at the Supreme Court without the permission of the Registrar of the court. "Next time we will ensure that he is not physically present," the law officers assured the court.

A lapse

A jail official said Malik was produced physically in the Supreme Court in the matter, by the officials of Central Jail no. 7 (Tihar). "*Prima facie*, we observed that it was lapse on the part of jail officials concerned," the official said.

In connection with the incident, Director-General (Prisons) has ordered a detailed inquiry to be conducted by Deputy Inspector General (HQ-Prisons) Rajiv Singh, the official said.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
PWD CITY DIVISION UDAIPUR
S.NO:TS/NIT File/2023-24/D-721 Date 10.07.2023
NOTICE INVITING BID (NO.07/2023-24)
Bids for Various Road work in PWD City Division Udaipur are invited from interested bidders upto 6.00 PM (time) 22.07.2023 (date). Other Particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://Sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state; and departmental website.
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(R.K. MUNDRA)
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
DIPR/C/10423 **PWD CITY DIVISION UDAIPUR**

Central Electricity Regulatory Commission
4th Floor, Chanderlok Building, 36 Janpath, New Delhi-110001
Phone : 23353503, FAX: 23753923
Petition No. 149/TL/2023 **Dated: 18.7.2023**
NOTICE UNDER CLAUSE (a) OF SUB-SECTION (5) OF SECTION 15 OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT, 2003
An application under Sections 14 and 15 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (the Act) has been made by Bhadla Sikar Transmission Limited, B-9, Qutab Institutional Area, Katwaria Sarai, New Delhi-110016 to establish 2009 (hereinafter referred to as "Transmission Licence Regulations") to establish Inter-State Transmission System for "Transmission System Strengthening Scheme for Evacuation of Power from Solar Energy Zones in Rajasthan (8.1 GW) under Phase-II Part-E" on Build, Own, Operate and Maintain (BOOM) basis (hereinafter referred to as "the Project") consisting of the following elements:

Sl. No.	Name of the Transmission Element	Scheduled COD in months from Effective Date	Element(s) which are pre-required for declaring the commercial operation (COD) of the respective Element
1.	Bhadla-II PS- Sikar-II 765 kV D/c line (2nd)	18 months	Elements marked at Sl. No. 1 to 4 are required to be commissioned simultaneously as their utilization is dependent on commissioning of each other
2.	2 no. of 765 kV line bays each at BhadlaII and Sikar-II for Bhadla-II PS- Sikar-II 765 kV D/c line		
3.	1x330 MVAr switchable line reactor for each circuit at Sikar-II end of Bhadla-II PS-Sikar-II 765kV D/c line 330 MVAr, 765 kV reactor- 2 Switching equipment for 765 kV reactor - 2		
4.	1x240 MVAr switchable line reactor for each circuit at Bhadla-II end of Bhadla-II PS – Sikar-II 765 kV D/c line 240 MVAr, 765 kV reactor- 2 Switching equipment for 765 kV reactor - 2		

Note:
i. POWERGRID to provide space for 2 no of 765 kV bays and space for 2 no of line reactors at Bhadla-II sub-station.
ii. Developer of Sikar-II PS to provide space for 2 no of 765 kV bays and space for 2 no of line reactors at Sikar-II PS.
iii. Supply and Installation of Spare 1x80 MVAR 1-ph reactor unit at Bhadla-II S/S is not envisaged under present scope. TSP shall install the 765kV Line Reactor banks at Bhadla -II PS such that same is suitable for 1-ph switching whenever the separate spare 1-ph unit is provided in future. Further, all the associated equipment required for switching arrangement viz isolators, circuit breakers, Neutral bus, 765 kV & 145 kV auxiliary buses etc. at Bhadla-II PS shall be provided by TSP for the 765 kV Reactor banks under present scope. TSP shall provide the equipment/facilities at Bhadla-II PS such that only supply & installation of 1x80 MVAR spare unit of Reactor, associated LA, 1-Ph Circuit Breaker and extension of 765 kV & 145 kV buses will be required for completion of switching arrangement in future.
iv. The spare unit of 765kV, 1x110 MVAR Reactor being provided at Sikar-II PS under 'Transmission system strengthening for evacuation of power from solar energy zones in Rajasthan (8.1 GW) under Phase II –Part C' shall be utilized as common spare for 6x110 MVAR Switchable Line Reactors to be provided at Sikar-II PS each under 'Transmission system strengthening for evacuation of power from solar energy zones in Rajasthan (8.1 GW) under Phase II-Part D' and 'Transmission system strengthening for evacuation of power from solar energy zones in Rajasthan (8.1 GW) under Phase II-Part E'.
2. The applicant has been selected as the Transmission Service Provider with the lowest levelized transmission charges of ₹ 1352.15 million per annum on the basis of the competitive bidding carried out by PFC Consulting Limited (PFCCL), in accordance with the Guidelines issued by the Central Government under Section 63 of the Act.
3. The Central Transmission Utility of India Limited vide its letter dated 4.7.2023 has recommended for the grant of transmission licence to the applicant to establish the proposed transmission system.
4. Based on material available on record, the Commission has, vide order dated 18.7.2023 in Petition No. 149/TL/2023, proposed to issue transmission licence to the applicant for establishing the transmission system as noted in para 1 above.
5. A copy of the application, along with its annexures and enclosures, made by the applicant for the grant of inter-State transmission licence to Bhadla Sikar Transmission Limited, (Now known as POWERGRID Bhadla Sikar Transmission Limited) before the Commission can be accessed at the website www.powergrid.in/subsidiaries or inspected by any person in the Commission's office by following the laid down procedure.
6. Notice is hereby given in pursuance of clause (a) of sub-section (5) of Section 15 of the Act that suggestions or objections, if any, to the Commission's proposal to grant transmission licence to the applicant, as aforesaid, be sent to the undersigned by **7.8.2023** at the above noted address. The suggestions or objections received after the specified date shall not be considered.
7. The application shall be taken up for further hearing by the Commission on **11.8.2023**. Any person who files suggestions or objections may in his/her discretion attend the hearing, for which no TA/DA shall be paid by the Commission.
Sd/-
(Harpreet Singh Pruthi)
Secretary

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
MEDICAL EDUCATION & TRAINING, UTTAR PRADESH
6th FLOOR, JAWAHAR BHAWAN, LUCKNOW
No. : ME-3/2023/1580 **Lucknow : Dated 20 July, 2023**
TIME SCHEDULE FOR FIRST ROUND COUNSELING OF UP NEET UG-2023
Following is the time Schedule for UP NEET UG 2023 First round of Online counseling for Government /Private Medical/Dental Colleges/Institutions/Universities (MBBS/BDS Courses)

S.N.	Description	Dates	Total Days
1	Date of Online Registration	25th July 2023 (From 11:00 AM) to 28th July 2023 Till 11:00 AM	03 Days
2	Date of Deposition of Registration & Security Money	25th July 2023 (From 11:00 AM) to 28th July 2023 Till 05:00 PM	04 Days
3	Date of on-line Document verification	25th July 2023 to 28th July 2023	04 Days
4	Date of Merit List Declaration	29th July 2023	01 Day
5	Date of on-line Choice filling	31st July 2023 (From 11:00 AM) to 03rd August 2023 Till 11:00 AM	03 Days
6	Date of Allotment Result Declaration	03rd/04th August 2023	01 Day
7	Date for downloading the Allotment letters & Admission	05th August 2023 To 08th August 2023	04 Days

- Candidates should check their eligibility his/her self as per GO issued for UP NEET UG 2023.
- For participation in the counseling candidates will compulsorily register online by depositing the registration fee of **Rs. 2000/-** (Rs. Two thousand) through website **https://upneet.gov.in**
- It is mandatory for the candidates to deposit the Security money online **Rs. 30,000/-** (Rs. Thirty Thousand only) for Government state quota seats, **Rs. 2,00,000/-** (Rs. Two Lakh only) for private Medical colleges seat and **Rs. 1,00,000/-** (Rs. One Lakh only) for private Dental colleges seats.
- Only those candidates will be eligible for choice filling, whose original documents have been verified online and who have deposited security money.
- All information related to UP NEET UG 2023 counseling will be uploaded on NIC **https://upneet.gov.in** and departmental website **www.dgme.up.gov.in**
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Government of Uttar Pradesh
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No. -1785/Pur.Cell/E-Tender/Vaccine-II/2023-24, **Dated:19-07-2023**
NOTICE FOR INVIATION OF E-TENDER
Online tenders through e-procurement system are invited for rate contract of various vaccines for the financial years 2023-24under the Department of Animal Husbandry, U.P., from sole manufacturing license holders firms who have minimum 03 years manufacturing experience for the quoted vaccines. Tenderer firm should not be blacklisted or debarred in any department/government institution in the country for last 02 years and quoted products are not found Not of Standard Quality by competent authority for last 3 years. If Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) or by any other competent investigating agency recommends for stay or cancellation of existing rate contract, action shall be taken accordingly as per provision of U.P. Procurement Manual 2016. Tenderers should have valid manufacturing license, non-conviction certificate, performance Certificate, market standing certificate, Good Laboratory Practices (GLP) certificate, Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) certificate and ISO certificate. Only those tenderer will be eligible to participate in tender whose turnover for last 03 years is not less than Rs. 5.00 crore each year. MSME/SSI units of U.P. are exempted from Turnover condition & MSME/SSI units of U.P. will be given purchase preference as per government policy. It is also to inform that only those tenderers who are registered for e-tendering (documentary proof for registration in U.P. Electronics Corporation Ltd.,(UPLC), Lucknow is necessary to enclose)and having digital signatures in reference to this office memorandum No. 3157/Pur.Cell/Kra,Ni./E-pro/2016-17 dated 15-03-2017, shall be eligible to participate in e-tendering in Department of Animal Husbandry, U.P. Details regarding e-tender, tender Terms & Conditions and tender form would be available on the departmental website http://animalhusb.upsdc.gov.in and U.P. Govt. e-Tender portal http://etender.up.nic.in within the stipulated period.

Particulars	Earnest Money (EMD) Rs.	Tender Documents Rs.
e-Tender for approval of rate of vaccines for the financial year 2023-24 Schedule(A)H.S. Vaccine Schedule(B)Anti-rabies Vaccine Schedule(C) For remaining other vaccines (B.Q.,Theileriosis vaccineSwine Fever,Sheep Pox, Enterotoxaemia& Poultry Vaccines)	As per schedule of requirement Section III(B) of tender documents, for estimated value of the goods uptoRs. 1.00 lakh (one lakh) Rs. 1500.00 and for each additional Rs. 1.00 lakh and part there of Rs. 1000.00 as bid security.	Rs.25,000.00 + GST

Cost of Tender Form (Non-refundable) in shape of Demand Draft of any nationalized/scheduled bank in the name of Director, Administration & Development, Animal Husbandry, U.P., Lucknow and amount of Earnest Money in shape of Fixed Deposit Receipt (FDR) of any nationalized/scheduled bank pledged in favour of Director, Disease Control & Farms, Animal Husbandry, U.P., Lucknow should compulsorily be deposited in the Directorate of Animal Husbandry, U.P., Badshahbag, Lucknow. The scanned copy of the Cost of Tender Form and e-Bid Security/EMD must be submitted along with the e-Bid and the original should reach to Director, Disease Control & Farms, Department of Animal Husbandry, U.P., Lucknow preferably on or before end date of submission of e-Bid but in any case, not later than 5 days after end date of submission of e-bid.Online e-bid should be submitted through U.P. Govt. e-Tender website http://etender.up.nic.in.
The Scheduled dates and time for the Tender are:-
1- Availability of Online Tender Forms : Date 25-07-2023 from05:00 PM
2- Submission of Online Tender Forms start date : Date 25-07-2023 from06:00 PM
3- Pre Bid Meeting : Date 01-08-2023 at 04:00 PM
4- Last Date for online submission of tender form : Date 16-08-2023 upto12:00 PM
5- Opening of Online Tender Forms (Technical bids) : Date 16-08-2023 at 03:30PM
Director
Disease Control & Farms,
RO NO. 192431 Dated 20-07-2023 **Animal Husbandry, U.P., Lucknow.**

INBRIEF

Six more bodies found in Raigad village; toll rises to 22

Following an overnight pause, rescue efforts resumed at the landslip-affected Irshalwadi village in Maharashtra's Raigad district on Friday. The search and rescue team of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) recovered six more bodies – three male and three female – from the debris, taking the death toll to 22 – nine men, as many women and four children, officials said. As many as 21 animals were also rescued by the teams. Officials said that the search and rescue teams resumed around 6.30 a.m. amid rainfall in the area. More than 100 persons, who lived on the hilly terrain, were feared trapped under the debris.

AI not leading to job losses, says IT Ministry in Parliament

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology said on Friday that the rise of Artificial Intelligence (AI) was not leading to any job losses. Rajya Sabha member Sushil Kumar Modi had asked "whether [the] government has evaluated [the] socioeconomic impact of generative AI on job losses". In a written response, the Ministry said, "No... The advent of Artificial Intelligence is not leading to any job losses; instead it is being used as a tool for augmenting capability. AI may result in automating some routine jobs but will also result in job creation in various data science, data curation etc."

'Study on to find out reason for sudden deaths in adults'

Sudden death of some youth after COVID-19 have been reported, but at present there is no sufficient evidence to confirm the cause of such deaths, the Health Ministry said in the Lok Sabha on Friday. Responding to a question by Ravindra Kushwaha and Khagen Murmu, the Ministry said that the ICMR was studying factors associated with sudden deaths among adults aged 18-45, effect of COVID-19 vaccines on thrombotic events in this population and establishing the cause in sudden unexplained death among youngsters through virtual and physical autopsy.

Can't ask govt. to recognise a language as official one: SC

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday said it cannot direct the Centre to include Rajasthani as an official language in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution. A Bench headed by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud said the subject of the petition concerns a policy matter.

"Today you have come to include the Rajasthani language in the Eighth Schedule, tomorrow somebody else may come for some other language. This is a policy matter and not for the courts to give a mandamus," the Bench informed the petitioner, Ripudaman Singh. The court referred to a 1997 reported decision of the Supreme Court in the *Kanhaiya Lal Sethia* case to note that "to include or not to include a particular language in the VIIIth Schedule is a policy matter of the Union".

Use any Indian language as optional medium, says CBSE

Schools must lay the foundation for multilingual learning as the higher education sector has already started to respond to the recommendations of the National Education Policy, says letter

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has written to its affiliated schools that they may consider using Indian languages as an optional medium of instruction, in addition to the other options.

The CBSE has advised using an Indian language as an option from pre-primary classes to Class 12.

"Multilingual education has been widely recognised as a valuable approach to fostering linguistic diversity, cultural understanding, and academic success among students," Joseph Emmanuel, Director (Academics), CBSE, said in the letter.

Mr. Emmanuel said the National Education Policy, 2020 emphasised the significant cognitive advantages of multilingualism for young learners, particularly when they were exposed to several languages from the foundational stage.

> The NEP advocates for utilising the home language, mother tongue, local language, or regional language as medium of instruction whenever feasible
>
> **JOSEPH EMMANUEL**
> Director (Academics), CBSE

"The policy strongly advocates for utilising the home language, mother tongue, local language, or regional language as the medium of instruction whenever feasible, at least until Grade 5, but preferably extending till Grade 8 and beyond," the letter said. It further listed the challenges in the implementation of multilingual education. "The utilisation of the mother tongue as a medium of instruction presents several challenges, including the availability of skilled teachers capable of teaching in multilingual settings, the creation of high-quality multilingual textbooks, and the limited time available, especially in two-shift government schools, as multilingual education demands additional instructional time allocation," it said.

Mr. Emmanuel wrote that one of the major steps taken now is the direction by the Ministry of Education to the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) to prepare textbooks in the 22 Scheduled Languages of the country.

The letter also talked about the steps being taken to introduce textbooks in Indian languages for higher education, facilitate learning-teaching processes and offer exams in Indian languages.

Since the higher education sector has started responding to this need, schools must lay the foundation, Mr. Emmanuel suggested.

The approach towards medium of instruction should be in continuity from school education to higher education, the letter added.

Will fight against Sen in court, says Visva-Bharati

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

Visva-Bharati, which alleges that the house of eminent economist Amartya Sen in Santiniketan illegally occupies university land, on Friday hit back at the letter written to President Droupadi Murmu by 304 educationists in his support, saying it will continue to fight the Nobel laureate in court.

"It is a matter of surprise that many in India and a few from abroad are determined to disprove Visva-Bharati's claim that Prof. Amartya Sen has occupied 13 decimals of university's land illegally," said the university.

"Let's reiterate that we respect Prof. Sen as an academic and we are sure our legal system is robust enough to render justice. Visva-Bharati is committed to fight the battle legally to prove its rightful claim over the land," it said.

In past five years, over ₹1.08 lakh crore spent on railway safety, says Vaishnaw

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Indian Railways is taking a slew of measures to ensure safety in operations following the Balasore triple train tragedy which left 295 persons dead and over a thousand injured, Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw told the Rajya Sabha on Friday.

The Rashtriya Rail Sanraksha Kosh (RRSK) was introduced in 2017-18 for the replacement, renewal and the upgrade of critical safety assets, with a corpus of ₹1 lakh crore for five years.

Ashwini Vaishnaw

"From 2017-18 till 2021-22, a gross expenditure of ₹1.08 lakh crore was incurred on RRSK works," Mr. Vaishnaw said.

The measures include enforcing adherence to protocol for alteration works involving changes in the existing system. Mr. Vaishnaw said that a concept of rolling block has been introduced. Maintenance, repair and replacement is planned two weeks in advance on a rolling basis and executed.

A special drive has been launched to ensure that there is double locking in relay room and goomties at level-crossing gates. Also it is being ensured that there is data logging and generation of SMS alerts for opening and closing of doors of these relay rooms and goomties, Mr. Vaishnaw said. The system of disconnection and reconnection for signal and telecom equipment is being followed.

Mr. Vaishnaw said that as on July 18, while 254 of those killed in the Balasore tragedy had been identified, 41 were yet to be identified. *The Hindu* had reported that the DNA identification process for the bodies was delayed.

From 2018-19 to 2022-23, the number of consequential train accidents was 219, with 71 deaths and 333 people sustaining injuries. In the Balasore train accident, 295 passengers were killed.

Portal launched to report violation of ban on e-cigarettes

Bindu Shajan Perappadan
NEW DELHI

Despite the ban imposed by the Union government in 2019, e-cigarettes continue to be sold on e-commerce sites, even to children below 18, warn experts working in the area of tobacco control. Now to curb this, the Health Ministry has launched an online portal to facilitate reporting of violations under the Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes (Production, Manufacture, Import, Export, Transport, Sale, Distribution, Storage and Advertisement) Act (PECA).

The Centre had cautioned the States and U.T.s about the easy availability of e-cigarettes.

The portal, www.violation-reporting.in, will allow faster action against any reported violations, the government said.

"The ban on electronic cigarettes was introduced to protect our younger generation from a new form of toxic addiction. It's a welcome move by the Health Ministry to launch the online portal for strict enforcement, implementation and to ensure the ban is effective," Binoy Mathew, programme manager, Voluntary Health Association of India, said.

The Ministry had earlier cautioned all States and Union Territories about the weak implementation of PECA, leading to easy availability of e-cigarettes through online, retail, convenient stores, stationery shops and near educational institutions.

The States were also directed to review the compliance of PECA and issue necessary instructions for effective implementation of the provisions of the Act, through special drives and random checking.

"Health Ministry also issued a public notice in view of e-cigarettes ban violations and its availability in the Indian market," Ranjit Singh, advocate, Supreme Court of India, said.

Indian-origin doctor is chairman-elect of Myeloma Foundation

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Scientist, clinician and researcher S. Vincent Rajkumar has been appointed chairman-elect of the Board of Directors of the International Myeloma Foundation (IMF).

Dr. Rajkumar will take over from the current chairman, Brian G.M. Durie, who is not seeking re-election. Dr. Durie, the co-founder and chairman of the Board of Directors for 33 years, has said that he will not seek re-election as chairman when his current term ends in spring 2024. He will, however, remain a member of the Board, hold the position of chairman emeritus and continue to perform his current activities.

"As one of the leading voices in the myeloma community, Dr. Rajkumar can carry forward IMF's mission to connect to the patient and scientific communities to achieve the best outcomes for myeloma patients everywhere," Dr. Durie said. Dr. Rajkumar's appointment was a unanimous decision, the IMF said in a press release.

Dr. S. Vincent Rajkumar

Dr. Rajkumar said that he was deeply grateful and honoured to be selected for the role. "Dr. Durie has given decades of his life to the IMF. I will strive to build upon his incredible legacy," said Dr. Rajkumar, a professor of medicine at Mayo Clinic. He is a member of the National Cancer Institute Myeloma Steering Committee; chair of the myeloma committee besides being the editor-in-chief of *Blood Cancer Journal*, and Associate Editor of *Leukemia* and the *European Journal of Haematology*.

Dr. Rajkumar has also served as principal investigator of several clinical trials for the treatment of myeloma, including pivotal trials that led to the regulatory approval of thalidomide for the treatment of the disease in the U.S. He has published more than 480 peer-reviewed papers primarily in the field of multiple myeloma and related plasma cell disorders. Among Dr. Rajkumar's accolades include the Jan Waldenstrom Lifetime Achievement Award (2021), the Mayo Clinic Distinguished Investigator Award (2018) and the Robert A. Kyle Lifetime Achievement Award (2016).

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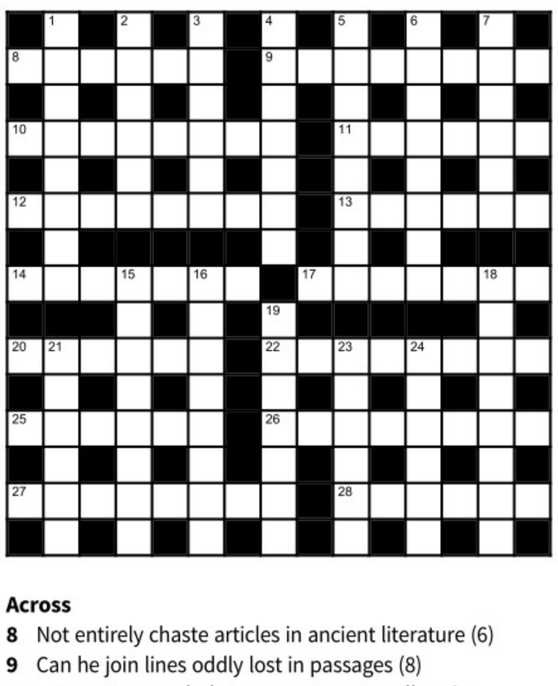

Across

8 Not entirely chaste articles in ancient literature (6)
9 Can he join lines oddly lost in passages (8)
10 Name one tooth doctor to remove small cavity ultimately (8)
11 Damage reputation of US central bank returning American money to Europe (6)
12 According to Spooner, expected singer Furtado in capital (3,5)
13 Originally orphaned kangaroos awaiting pouches in substitute animals (6)
14 Foolish singer has reformed through excellent books (7)
17 Hospital supports lives, probing charts in accidents (7)
20 Engineer allocated to dispose dilapidated old compound (6)
22 Hot and tired out cracked by pressure but fearless (8)
25 Sat around collecting information for representatives (6)
26 Sheep dog? Everyone essentially wants mine (8)
27 In Java, ran a simulation showing holy city (8)
28 Chap casing one liberal bar is convicted (6)

Down

1 Holding daughter, she'd run to work in lots (8)
2 Sounded sleepy when study technique came up (6)
3 Piano student tackling song belonging to a duet, say (6)
4 Material account with major insurer keeping track (7)
5 Style of Indian cooking with old fashioned roti wraps (8)
6 Fellow went through Sinhala novel quickly (2,1,5)
7 Past students all summon him regularly (6)
15 They feel unmarried men eat nan in a mess! (8)
16 Lucky charm, partly in Crystal is mandatory (8)
18 Dire need of sex in monastery (8)
19 Boy is abrupt - drops rupees for one cookie (7)
21 Drink on the counter, may turn cold (6)
23 The discontented bear wants second bit of "hunny" in tongue (6)
24 Upset about getting team to concentrate (6)

SUDOKU

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Renunciation, best medium

The lives of great men are a collection of experiences to be followed by us. Vidura, the noble personality, has left a legacy of various codes of conduct and guidelines. Velukudi Sri Krishnan Swamy said in a discourse that one of the morals of Vidura is how to live without depression and pressure in life.

Sometimes we feel sad or develop anger thinking about a thing or an event. The best way is to forget things that cause unhappiness and this is possible if we divert our mind towards God and godly activities. We may not become an yogi overnight, but we can slowly transform by shunning the unwanted.

We need not bother about things that are not known to us. Vidura says if we detach ourselves from worldly attachments like those unknown to us, we can be happier (*Yatho yatho nivarthathe! Thathas thatho vimuchyathe*).

Nammazhwar says that if we have wealth, people will surround and shower praise on us. Tamil saint-poet Thiruvalluvar says about renunciation in *Thirukural:* ("*Yadhanin yadhanin neengiyan nodhal adhanin adhanin illan*") – 'when you detach yourselves from the worldly things one by one, each step will be a relatively painless process'. It is said, "To have no wants is divine." After all, attachment is the root cause of all pains in this world. The fewer our wants are, the closer we move towards God.

Saint Ramanuja says one who realises that God remains forever (*Nithyam*) and never lets His devotees down (*Achuthan*), and who fixes his mind ever on God and His deeds will consider all other things in this world to be equal to grass.

RIYADH

Saudi Aramco locks up stake in China petrochemicals firm

REUTERS

Saudi Aramco said it completed its purchase of a 10% stake in the Chinese petrochemicals firm Rongsheng Petrochemical, part of an expansion into the world's top crude importer. The deal calls for the supply of 4,80,000 barrels per day of Saudi crude to an integrated refining and chemicals complex owned by a Rongsheng affiliate. AFP

WASHINGTON

In an unprecedented move, Biden picks woman admiral to lead Navy

AP

U.S. President Joe Biden has chosen Adm. Lisa Franchetti to lead the Navy, a senior administration official said. If confirmed, she would be the first woman to be a U.S. military service chief. Mr. Biden's decision goes against the recommendation of Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin who had backed Adm. Samuel Paparo. AP

RAMALLAH

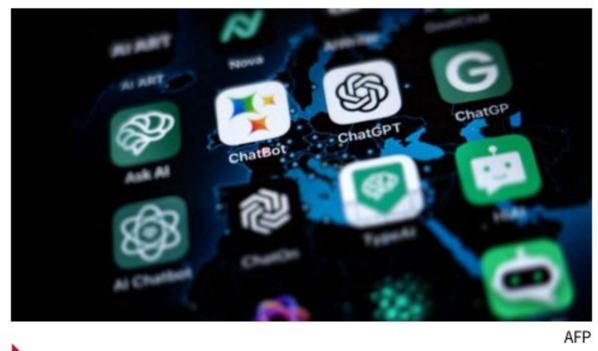
Israeli forces kill 17-year-old Palestinian boy in West Bank

AFP

Israeli forces killed a 17-year-old Palestinian boy near the West Bank city of Ramallah on Friday, Palestinian officials said, as the forces said they shot a "suspect" after being attacked with "explosives". The incident came amid rising tensions in the West Bank, which Israel has occupied since the 1967 Six-Day War. AFP

WASHINGTON

Tech titans promise watermarks to expose AI creations: White House



AFP

The U.S. White House said that OpenAI and others in the artificial intelligence race have committed to making their technology safer with features such as watermarks on fabricated images. Officials from Amazon, Anthropic, Google, Inflection, Meta, Microsoft, and OpenAI were set to announce the other commitments. AFP

U.K. Conservative Party suffers severe losses in parliamentary byelections

The Tories lost to Labour by a sizeable margin in Selby and Ainsy, and to the LibDems in the Conservative stronghold of Somerton and Frome; they managed to retain former Prime Minister Boris Johnson's seat in Uxbridge and South Ruislip

Sriram Lakshman
LONDON

The U.K. Conservative Party suffered significant losses in two of three parliamentary byelections on Thursday, in what is being seen by some as a strong indicator of their prospects in next year's general election.

The Tories lost to Labour by a sizeable margin in the northern England constituency of Selby and Ainsy, and to the Liberal Democrats (Lib Dems) in the Conservative stronghold of Somerton and Frome. They managed to retain former Prime Minister Boris Johnson's seat in the west London area of Uxbridge and South Ruislip, but with a reduced majority.

Victory moment: Newly elected Labour MP Keir Mather, centre, with Keir Starmer and Angela Rayner at the Selby football club. AP

Record victory

Labour secured a record win in Selby, with 25-year-old Keir Mather ousting them after winning by a margin of over 4,100 votes or 46% of the vote share (versus the Conservatives' 34.3%). The newly minted youngest MP, who is a former parliamentary researcher and public relations adviser, ran a campaign focused on the cost of living crisis facing the country.

In the Somerton area in England's South West, the Lib Dems' Sarah Dyke won a majority of over 11,000, taking a Conservative seat – a 29% swing away from the Tories.

Local councillor Seve Tuckwell won a recount in Uxbridge by a 495-vote majority. Former Prime Minister Johson had held the Uxbridge and South Ruislip seat for eight years before resigning last month, after a parliamentary committee found that he lied to Parliament and was about to suspend him. Following his resignation, his colleague Nigel Adams, representing Selby, also resigned.

British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak defended his party's performance and pushed back against the idea that his party was heading for a defeat next year. His party is trailing labour in opinion polls, with the country reeling from high levels of inflation, dissatisfaction over public sector pay, rising interest and mortgage rates, problems with public services, specifically in the National Health Service (NHS).

"Westminster's been acting like the next election is a done deal. The Labour Party has been acting like it's a done deal. The people of Uxbridge just told all of them that it's not," he said on Friday, as he visited the constituency. Mr. Tuckwell attributed his victory in part to London Mayor Sadiq Khan's decision to increase the size of London's Ultra Low Emission Zone (an area covering parts of London that require automobiles to pay a congestion charge). The area is set to expand to cover all of London from August 29. Members of Mr. Khan's own Labour party have suggested he rethink his decision but the mayor has stuck by his plans.

Votes down

"Even if we include the Uxbridge result, together with Selby and Somerton, on average, the Conservative vote was down by 21 points in those three constituencies," political scientist John Curtice told BBC Radio 4.

"The message on Thursday is that basically the Conservatives are indeed as deep [down] an electoral hole as the opinion polls have been suggesting."

Ukraine has started using U.S. cluster munitions on battlefield: White House

Agence France-Presse
KYIV

Ukrainian forces are using United States-supplied cluster munitions on the battlefield, the White House said, as Kyiv seeks momentum in its grinding counteroffensive.

Washington provided the weapons to Ukraine for the first time earlier this month as Kyiv attempts to dislodge entrenched Russian forces and retake land lost in the early months of Moscow's invasion last year.

The weapons, which disperse up to several hundred small explosive charges that can remain unexploded in the ground, are banned by many countries because of the long-term risks they pose to civilians.

Ukraine's forces started using the munitions "in the last week or so", White House National Security Council spokesman John Kirby told reporters on Thursday.

Lethal weapon: Cluster munitions are banned by many countries because of the long-term risks they pose to civilians. AP

"They're using them appropriately, they're using them effectively and they are actually having an impact on Russia's defensive formations and Russia's defensive manoeuvring," he said.

Putin's statement

Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Friday that Kyiv's counteroffensive, launched to push Russian troops back in the south and east of Ukraine, was failing despite military and financial support from Western countries.

"In any case, there are no results yet" of the counteroffensive, Mr. Putin said in televised remarks from a meeting of the Kremlin's Security Council.

Moscow's forces still occupy swathes of southern and eastern Ukraine and over a month into Kyiv's long-anticipated counteroffensive, large parts of the front appear to be frozen.

Pita's party to back its coalition partner for PM

Agence France-Presse
BANGKOK

The MFP leader, who was set to become PM, was blocked by the military and pro-royalist establishment

The reformist party that won Thailand's recent election said on Friday it would back a rival candidate to become Prime Minister after its own leader was blocked by the military and pro-royalist establishment.

The Move Forward Party (MFP), which rode to victory on a wave of support from young and urban voters frustrated by a decade of Army-backed rule, said its priority was not to take the Prime Minister job but to restore civilian government.

After MFP leader Pita Limjaroenrat was knocked back in a leadership vote last week, the party said it would now support the nominee from its coalition partner Pheu Thai, which came second in May's election.

"MFP will allow the second party, Pheu Thai, to become the main party of the eight coalition parties," MFP secretary-general Chaitawat Tulathon said.

Pheu Thai, seen as a vehicle for the Shinawatra political clan – whose members include two former Prime Ministers ousted by military coups in 2006 and 2014 – will name its candidate for Prime Minister on Wednesday, the eve of Parliament's next vote.

Iraqis, Iranians rally as Swedish envoys leave Baghdad

Agence France-Presse
BAGHDAD

Protesters took to the streets of the Iraqi and Iranian capitals on Friday to denounce Sweden's permission for protests that desecrate the Koran, as Stockholm withdrew staff from its Baghdad embassy.

The rallies came amid heightened tensions between Sweden and Iraq over a Sweden-based Iraqi refugee who last month burnt pages of the Koran outside Stockholm's main mosque.

Sweden on Friday cited security concerns in a decision to relocate embassy staff and operations from Baghdad to Stockholm, after protesters stormed the embassy compound.

Tony Bennett, masterly stylist of American musical standards, dies at 96

Associated Press
NEW YORK

Tony Bennett, the eminent and timeless stylist whose devotion to classic American songs and knack for creating new standards such as *I Left My Heart In San Francisco* graced a decades-long career that brought him admirers from Frank Sinatra to Lady Gaga, died on Friday. He was 96, just two weeks short of his birthday.

Publicist Sylvia Weiner confirmed Bennett's death, saying he died in his hometown of New York.

There was no specific cause, but Bennett had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in 2016.

Tony Bennett

The last of the great saloon singers of the mid-20th century, Bennett often said his lifelong ambition was to create "a hit catalog rather than hit records." He released more than 70 albums, bringing him 19 competitive Grammys.

Bennett didn't tell his own story when performing; he let the music speak instead – the Gershwins and Cole Porter, Irving Berlin and Jerome Kern. Unlike his friend and mentor Sinatra, he would interpret a song rather than embody it. If his singing and public life lacked the high drama of Sinatra's, Bennett appealed with an easy, courtly manner and an uncommonly rich and durable voice – "A tenor who sings like a baritone," he called himself – that made him a master of caressing a ballad or brightening an uptempo number.

WORKS DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, EASTERN CIRCLE (R&B), BALASORE
e-mail:- seec_bls@rediffmail.com
Government of Odisha **"e" Procurement Notice**
Bid Identification No. CCEEC-11/2023-24
No.:3791 / Dt.:17.07.2023

Nature of work	:-	Buildings Works
Number of works	:-	08 Nos Buildings Works
Amount put to Tender	:-	Rs.339.10 Lakh to Rs.399.52 Lakh
Class of Contractor	:-	"A" Class
Date & Time of availability of bid document in the Portal	:-	Dt.27.07.2023 at 10.00 AM
Last Date / Time of receipt of bid in the portal	:-	Dt.14.08.2023 up to 05.00 PM
Date of opening of bid	:-	Dt.16.08.2023 at 11.00 AM
Name & address of the Office inviting bid	:-	Chief Construction Engineer, Eastern Circle (R&B), Balasore.

The bidders have to participate in **ONLINE** bidding only. Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal "**http//tendersodisha.gov.in**". All future corrigendum will be available on ONLINE mode only.
B-525: Sd/- R.Rout, Chief Construction Engineer, Eastern Circle (R&B), Balasore
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Government of Odisha - **"e" PROCUREMENT NOTICE**
WORKS DEPARTMENT
Bid Identification No.C.C.E.K.C., Keonjhar No. 14 / 2023-24
e-mail : ccekeonjharpwdcircle@gmail.com / sekcpwd_keonjhar@yahoo.com
Letter No.3539, dt.14.07.2023

1. Name of the work	:-	Strengthening and widening of Suakati _ Dubuna-Kalimati Road NH-49 to OMC mines from Ch.0/000 km to Ch.3/400 km in the District of Keonjhar for the year 2022-23 under CSR.
2. Estimated cost	:-	Rs.758.54 Lakhs
3. Class of Contractor	:-	"A" Class & "Special" Class
4. Period of completion	:-	11 (Eleven) Calendar Months
5. Date and Time of availability of Bid document in the portal	:-	From 11.30 Hours of 24.07.2023 to 16.00 Hours of 08.08.2023.
6. Last date/Time for receipt of bids in the portal	:-	16.00 Hours of 08.08.2023
7. Date of opening of Bid from Portal	:-	11.30 Hours on 09.08.2023
8. Name and address of the Officer Inviting Bid	:-	Chief Construction Engineer, Keonjhar (R&B) Circle, Keonjhar-758001.

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal "**http://tendersodisha.gov.in**"
B-522: Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer, Keonjhar (R&B) Circle, Keonjhar.
OIPR-34033/11/0029/2324

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA email:- serw_ctc@yahoo.com
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, CUTTACK
No:-Tender Online RWC -13/23, Letter No.:- 2408 Date : 18.07.2023
e - Procurement NOTICE

1. Name of the Works	:-	Periodical Maintenance to 5 Year Completed PMGSY Roads, Under Periodical Maintenance Packages as Annexure -A of this TCN for the District of Cuttack & Jagatsinghpur for the year 2023-24
2. Class of Contractor		
a) Estimated cost more than Rs.6.00 Crore & upto Rs.50.00 Crore	:	Special Class (of Odisha PWD) & relevant class of other licensing authorities.
b) Estimated cost more than Rs.1.00 Crore & upto Rs.20.00 Crore	:	A Class (of Odisha PWD) & relevant class of other licensing authorities.
c) Estimated cost more than Rs.20.00 Lakh & upto Rs.3.00 Crore	:	B Class (of Odisha PWD) & relevant class of other licensing authorities.
3. Time for Completion	:	As specified in the Column-8 of the Annexure
4. Detail Projects	:	As per Annexure attached
5. Other Details	:	

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding From	To	Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender Technical Bid	Financial Bid
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Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Cuttack.	Tender Online RWC - 13/23	25.07.2023 at 11 A.M.	14.08.2023 to 5.00 P.M	13.08.2023 up to 2.00 P.M	16.08.2023 at 11.00 A.M	Will be intimated later on

Further details can be seen from the website **www.tendersorissa.gov.in** .
O-429: Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Cuttack.
OIPR-25097/11/0014/2324

GREATER VISAKHAPATNAM MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
Tender Notice No: : 26/2023-24/SE(W-II)/EE-IV/DB / Dt.20-07-2023
Number of works - 2,Value of works Rs.224.96 lakhs
Tender Opening Dt. 21-07-2023, Closing Date 28-07-2023
Note: Further details at http://www.tender.apeprocurement.gov.in
0/o the EE-IV Cell No. 8187897572
For Commissioner

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION CHHATRAPATI SAMBHAJINAGAR
Executive Engineer (Building & Garden)
Address : Municipal Corporation Chh. Sambhajinagar, Executive Engineer (Building & Garden) Head Office : Town Hall Pin 431001 Tel No. (0240) 2333536-40 Fax No. (0240) 2331213
E-Tender Call CSMC (for Help) : Cell No. 9764999592
No./AMC/DyEng/B&G/181/2023 Date : 20/07/2023

Sr. No.	Work Name	Last Date of Tender Submission
1	Construction of community toilets at various places in the city from funds of Swacha Maharashtra Abhiyan (Tender Amt. Rs. 1,55,55,996/-)	21/08/2023

Note : 1. For the above started work is available on website www.mahatenders.gov.in
Sd/-
Executive Engineer (Building & Garden)
Municipal Corporation Chh. Sambhajinagar

ODISHA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of Odisha Undertaking)
Regd. Office: Janpath, Bhubaneswar-751022
CIN:U40102OR2004SGC007553
TENDER ALERT
1)E-Tender Call Notice No.ED-NZ-BLS-05/2023-24: Lot-I: Deployment of Security Personnel in Grid Sub-Stations/Offices/Stores at an estimated cost of Rs.4,39,79,400/-. **Lot-II:** Deployment of Line Patrolling Personnel in Transmission Lines at an estimated cost of Rs.2,77,46,664/- under Northern Zone, Balasore.
2)E-Tender Call Notice No.02/2023-24: Supply, Erection, Testing and commissioning of equipment for data communication through GPRS Modem from 33kV DULANGA COAL MINES of NTPC to SLDC,BBSR at an Estimated cost of **Rs. 29,48,309/-** under CGM(Telecom), OPTCL Hqrs, Bhubaneswar
3)E-Tender Call Notice No.CHP-03/2023-24: Heightening of existing drain wall for proper retention of the ensuing PCC & Metal Spreading work inside 400kV S/Y at 400/220/132kV Grid S/S, Meramundali under EHT (O&M) Division, Meramundali under EHT O&M Circle, Chainpal.
4)E-Tender Call Notice No.CHP-04/2023-24: PCC and metal spreading in 132kV S/Y and 132kV SAS KIOSK area at 132/33kV Grid S/S, Chainpal under EHT (O&M) Division, Chainpal under EHT O&M Circle, Chainpal.
5)E-Tender Call Notice No.CHP-05/2023-24: PCC and metal spreading in 132kV S/Y area at 132/33kV Grid S/S, Dhenkanal under EHT (O&M) Division, Dhenkanal under EHT O&M Circle, Chainpal.
For more details please visit OPTCL's website: **www.optcl.co.in.** **HIPR-23/2023-24**
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INBRIEF

UltraTech Cement Q1 PAT rises 7% to ₹1,688 crore

Aditya Birla group firm UltraTech Cement on Friday reported a 7% increase in consolidated profit after tax (PAT) to ₹1,688 crore for the first quarter ended June, aided by robust sales in the domestic market. The company had posted a PAT of ₹1,584 crore in the April-June quarter of the last fiscal. Net sales rose to ₹17,519 crore in the first quarter compared with ₹15,007 crore in the year-earlier period, UltraTech Cement said in a regulatory filing. PTI

Wendt India Q1 net profit rises 25% on higher sales

Murugappa Group firm Wendt India reported standalone net profit for the June quarter rose 25% to ₹9 crore from the year-earlier period on account of higher sales to almost all user industries. Revenue from operations increased 7% to ₹46 crore, of which exports was ₹12 crore. Higher exports to the U.S., U.K., Taiwan, Indonesia, Thailand and Italy was cited as the main reason for the increase in revenue, the maker of super abrasives said in a filing.

Yatharth Hospital sets IPO price band at ₹285-300 a share

Yatharth Hospital & Trauma Care Services Ltd. has announced the initial public offering (IPO) of equity shares in the price band of ₹285 to ₹300 per share. The IPO will open on July 26 and close on July 28.The IPO comprises a fresh issue aggregating up to ₹490 crore and an offer-for-sale up to 6,551,690 equity shares by selling shareholders. Bids can be made for a minimum of 50 shares and in multiples of 50 shares thereafter.

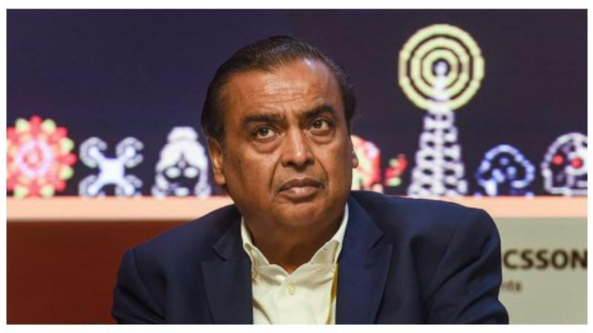
RIL Q1 net falls 10.8% to ₹16,011 crore

Rising finance and depreciation costs combine with a sharp decline in crude oil prices to cause a 4.7% drop in revenue; However, growth in RIL's retail division led by grocery, consumer electronics and fashion partly offset the downturn

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL) reported first-quarter consolidated net profit dropped 10.8% to ₹16,011 crore from ₹17,955 crore in the year-earlier period on account of a 46% increase in finance cost and 31.7% rise in depreciation.

Revenue at ₹2,31,132 crore was 4.7% lower year-on-year (YoY) on account of a sharp decline of 31% in crude prices during the quarter ended June 30, 2023. However, a good showing at the retail unit and increased volume in the oil-to-chemicals (O2C) and oil & gas businesses partly offset the downturn.


Facing headwinds: RIL's commodity business adversely affected performance, but the retail segment has offered hope. PTI

"Reliance's strong operating and financial performance this quarter demonstrates the resilience of our diversified portfolio of businesses that cater to demand across industrial and consumer segments," said Chairman and MD Mukesh D. Ambani.

Jio gains subscribers

Jio Platforms Ltd. reported a 12.5% growth in quarterly net profit at ₹5,098 crore. Gross revenues increased 11.3% to ₹30,640 crore. The operating revenue growth was driven by subscriber gains in the connectivity business and the scaling up of digital services.

Jio continued to lead the industry's net subscriber addition with 9.2 million adds in Q1. ARPU increased 2.8% during Q1.

Reliance Retail reported a consolidated net profit of ₹2,448 crore, a growth of 18.8% YoY.

Gross revenue increased 19.5% to ₹69,948 crore. The growth was led by the grocery, consumer electronics and fashion & lifestyle businesses.

"The commodity business impacted Q1 performance and it is the nature of the business and was bound to happen," said Deven Choksey, MD, KRChoksey Shares & Securities Pvt. Ltd. "There is nothing unusual about it. But what is reassuring is the good performance of the consumer-facing businesses," Mr. Choksey added.

DGCA allows Go First to restart flights with conditions

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Aviation industry regulator DGCA on Friday granted Go First conditional approval to resume flights after resolving its initial concerns that had emerged following a safety audit.

Key among the pre-conditions laid out by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) is that the airline conduct a test flight with each of its aircraft before pressing them into commercial operations.

It also said, "scheduled flight operations can be commenced only after the availability of the required interim funding and approval of flight schedule by the DGCA".

The cash-strapped airline will be able to resume sale of tickets, which was halted by the DGCA, only after the regulator has approved the flight schedule.

The DGCA has also said that the restart of flights would be subject to the outcome of proceedings before the insolvency court, the National Company Law Tribunal, as well as the Delhi High Court, which is hearing petitions from various lessors challenging a moratorium that prevents them from repossessing the leased aircraft over non-payment of dues.

The airline plans to resume operations with 15 aircraft and 114 flights.

The regulator had earlier conducted an audit of Go First's facilities and made several observations including on the shortage of pilots and the availability of spares, as well as on the bankrupt budget carrier's plans to process refunds to passengers.

Sensex slides over 1% following 'dismal' show at Infosys, HUL

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The benchmark S&P BSE Sensex fell more than 1% on Friday snapping a six-session rally after investor sentiment soured over IT bellwether Infosys's cut in revenue guidance and disappointing earnings at consumption weather vane Hindustan Unilever.

Infosys tumbles 8.2%

The Sensex slumped 887.64 points, or 1.31%, to 66,684.26 points. Infosys led losses, tumbling 8.18%, with HUL (3.65%), HCLTech (3.33%), Wipro (3.07%), TCS (2.68%) and Reliance (2.57%) being the other major losers.

"On Friday, markets broke a six-day winning streak, due to dismal June quarter results from giants like Infosys and Hindustan Unilever," said Riches Vanara, Technical and Derivatives Analyst, Stoxbox. "Apart from the U.S., India is the most expensive market in the world amidst the rally of the last month. Thus some negative triggers lead to some corrections in the market," Mr. Vanara added.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	FRIDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	66,684	-1.31
US Dollar	81.98	-0.06
Gold	59,357	-2.37
Brent oil	80.44	1.18

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2416.30	-3.45
Adani Ports	728.45	-4.00
Apollo Hosp	5204.90	9.45
Asian Paints	3517.70	-8.30
Axis Bank	971.30	-6.60
Bajaj Auto	4862.70	-6.00
Bajaj Finserv	1632.85	-2.95
Bajaj Finance	7581.75	-14.85
Bharti Airtel	886.00	1.15
BPCL	390.65	2.70
Britannia Ind	5047.00	-5.55
Cipla	1048.95	-7.60
Coal India	229.00	-0.75
Divis Lab	3688.30	21.75
Dr Reddys Lab	5288.20	-51.10
Dummy - Jio Financial Services Ltd.	261.85	0.00
Eicher Motors	3315.50	-1.60
Grasim Ind	1804.60	-14.85
HCL Tech	1115.45	-40.35
HDFC Bank	1675.75	-13.00
HDFC Life	647.30	-13.75
Hero MotoCorp	3102.05	14.90
Hindalco	434.50	-7.05
Hind Unilever	2604.00	-99.25
ICICI Bank	997.00	1.40
IndusInd Bank	1407.35	-17.80
Infosys	1331.60	-117.90
ITC	490.45	-1.70
JSW Steel	786.45	-12.60
Kotak Bank	1970.20	13.30
L&T	2586.25	96.55
LTIMindtree Ltd.	4922.75	-62.30
M&M	1523.50	-21.85
Maruti Suzuki	9770.05	-2.45
NestleIndia	22982.55	-25.40
NTPC	195.10	2.20
ONGC	170.55	3.35
PowerGrid Corp	244.10	-0.15
Reliance Ind	2538.75	-81.10
SBI Life	1290.70	-23.35
State Bank	615.10	5.05
Sun Pharma	1097.15	-0.50
TataConsumerProduct	852.35	-20.75
Tata Motors	625.75	4.10
Tata Steel	116.60	-0.35
TCS	3368.30	-95.00
Tech Mahindra	1195.10	-57.85
Titan	2976.30	-13.00
UltraTech Cement	8119.20	-104.95
UPL	634.60	-4.80
Wipro	404.70	-12.95

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on July 21

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	81.75	82.07
Euro	90.94	91.30
British Pound	105.02	105.44
Japanese Yen (100)	57.67	57.90
Chinese Yuan	11.39	11.43
Swiss Franc	94.38	94.76
Singapore Dollar	61.49	61.74
Canadian Dollar	62.05	62.30
Malaysian Ringitt	17.90	17.99
Australian Dollar	55.14	55.36

Source:Indian Bank

Oriental Hotels Q1 net profit rises 10% to ₹12 cr.

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Oriental Hotels Ltd. reported standalone net profit for the June quarter rose 10% to ₹12 crore from the year-earlier period.

Revenue from operations increased 4% to ₹91 crore, the associate company of The Indian Hotels Company said in a regulatory filing.

Healthy growth was witnessed in revenues aided by revenue per available room in all our key markets, said MD & CEO Pramod Ranjan.

In the current quarter, the company commenced product enhancements across portfolios, he said.

Online gaming investors flag risks to jobs, investments in SOS to PM on GST

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Top investors in India's gaming sector have written to PM Narendra Modi for a review of the GST Council's recent decision to levy 28% tax on the full value of bets placed by users, terming it the world's most onerous regime that could wipe out $2.5 billion of investments and more than 50,000 high-skilled jobs.

Investments to the tune of at least $4 billion, planned over the next 3-4 years in the industry which had almost $3 billion in revenue in 2022 in India, could also be hit, as per the communique to the PM. Signatories include 11 domestic or India-focused funds such as ChrysCapital and Kotak Private Equity, and 19 overseas investors including Tiger Global.

'Shock and dismay'

Stating the tax plan had caused 'shock and dismay,' they added it would "substantially and meaningfully erode investor confidence in the backing of this or any other sunrise sector in the India tech ecosystem."

Skill-based, real-money gaming is India's largest gaming sub-sector and also supports a significant proportion of the game-developer community across the country who, the investors pointed out, "are pivotal to the PM's vision of making India a gaming superpower."

There are about 400 Indian start-ups funded by marquee global investors in real money gaming.

Seeking time for a meeting with the PM or officials concerned, the investors emphasised they backed a robust, certain and fair tax regime that aligned with government's socio-economic development goals.

Noting the industry was estimated to contribute about ₹4,500 crore in GST at the rate of 18% of the operator's gaming revenue, the investors said raising this extant rate to 28% would have led to a 55% increase in GST collections without adversely impacting the sector.

"This would have also ensured the practice is in line with how GST/VAT is levied on gaming across most international markets... in 2000, the U.K. moved to a model of 15% tax on the operator's gaming revenue, creating one of the largest and most sustainable gaming markets.

"In France, the Senate has noted that a tax model on full value does not work and is reverting to a model of taxation based on operator's gaming revenue.

"However, the change in methodology to apply GST rates on 'full value' will result in wholesale destruction of the sector, including for many MSMEs and start-ups which may no longer be able to sustain business operations and will shut down with immediate effect," they said.

Dheeraj G. Hinduja

ALL net jumps eightfold to ₹576 cr. on tax credit, sales

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Ashok Leyland Ltd. (ALL) reported standalone net profit for the June-ended quarter surged more than eightfold to ₹576 crore year-on-year on account of higher sales and one-time deferred tax credit of ₹172 crore on expected transition to lower tax regime.

Revenue from operations climbed 13% to ₹8,189 crore, while material cost shrank 4% to ₹5,876 crore.

"In Q1, even after removing the adjustments of ₹172 crore, we have seen our profit increasing by over fivefold," CFO Gopal Mahadevan told the media.

"Going forward, our aim is to grow faster than the industry," he said, adding ALL had lined up capital expenditure worth ₹750-₹800 crore for FY24.

Executive Chairman Dheeraj G. Hinduja said the board had given in-principal approval to infuse ₹1,200 crore in EV arm Switch Mobility as part of core investment strategy, even while mulling options to raise funds.

"The fund raising might happen during the next few weeks or months," he said, adding e-LCVs will be rolled out post Diwali, followed by e1 buses (for European and West Asia markets) and low-floor buses.

ONDC starts learning academy for merchants

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC), the government-backed e-commerce protocol, on Friday introduced a repository of online training material for merchants called the ONDC Academy.

The repository is stored on an ONDC website as well as on YouTube, with assistance received from the National Stock Exchange.

Thampy Koshy, the Chief Executive Officer of ONDC, said that it was necessary to widen the scope of e-commerce to smaller merchants.

TIRUMALA TIRUPATI DEVASTHANAMS, TIRUPATI
MARKETING DEPARTMENT
e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

E-tenders are invited for supply of **"75000 Kgs of Cashew Splits "S" grade through e-tenders-cum-e-reverse tendering"** for a period of 01 month to the Marketing Department, T.T.Devasthanams. For tender notice and Tender details log on to the website http://www.tirumala.org and https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in. For further details contact Phone Numbers : 0877-2264079, 2264555, Fax No. 0877-2264554

ROC No. PR4/13956/Adv. No.132/ PRO/2023, Dated: 21.07.2023 — EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154
Registered & Corporate Office : Bidyut Unnayan Bhaban
Plot No.: 3/C, LA - Block, Sector- III, Bidhannagar, Kol-700106
Notice Inviting E-Tender
Ref No.: WBPDCL/Tend-Adv/23-24/CORP/CC-362 — Dated: 18.07.2023
NIT No.: WBPDCL/CORP/NIT/E1744/23-24 — Dated : 17.07.2023
Supply, Installation, Testing, Commission and Handing over of AI based contactless remote patient monitoring (RPM) system and early warning system using major wave front of BCG, ECG, Blood gas monitoring real time and mobile app (Re-Tender).
NIT Document Download Start Date/End Date : 19.07.2023 at 3:00 PM./31.07.2023 till 03.00 PM. Contact Person: 1) Sri Sudarshan Chandra Ghatak, Advisor (Medical). Contact No.: 033 2339 3190/ 833690366 (For Technical queries only); 2) Mrs. Arpita Goswami, Manager (PS), M&C. Contact No.: 9073900863. (For Technical queries only). E-mail: a.goswami@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit: https:// wbtenders.gov.in
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FLUID CONTROL RESEARCH INSTITUTE
(Under Government of India, Ministry of Heavy Industries)
Kanjikode West, Palakkad, Kerala - 678623
Notification No. FCRI/12/2022-23/PO/01 Date of Notification: 24.07.2023
Recruitment by Deputation Basis

Name of Post	No. of Posts [Category]	Scale of Pay	Age Limit	Tenure
Personnel Officer	1 [General]	Pay Level 10 in the Pay Matrix	56 Years	3 Years

For details on the Qualifications and Experience criteria and Application Form, please visit website: recruit.fcriindia.com. Last date for Receipt of Applications: 23.08.2023.

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(युवा मामले एवं खेल विभाग, राजस्थान सरकार)
सवाई मानसिंह स्टेडियम, प्रथम तल, जयपुर टेलीफैक्स 0141-2741489
क्रमांक: प. 1(54)रायुबो/2023/पार्ट-I — जयपुर, दिनांक 14.07.2023
ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या 04/2023-24
दस हजार युवाओं का exposure visit कार्यक्रम
Rajiv Gandhi National Youth Exchange Programme के तहत दस हजार युवाओं को उत्तर-पूर्वी (North-East) राज्यों सहित सम्पूर्ण देश में exposure visit कार्यक्रम हेतु दक्ष, प्रतिष्ठित व अनुभवी टूरिस्ट मैनेजमेंट कम्पनीयों/फर्म/संस्थाओं से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में ई- निविदा सूचना संख्या 04/2023-24 दिनांक 14.07.2023 से 24.07.2023 को दोपहर 2.00 बजे तक आंमत्रित की जाती है। निविदा से संबंधित पूर्ण विवरण राजस्थान युवा बोर्ड की वेबसाइट www.youthboard.rajasthan.gov.in एवं लोक उपापन पार्टल http://sppp.raj.nic.in व eprocurementportal http://eproc.raj.nic.in पर देखा जा सकता है।
राज.संवाद/सी/23/6098 — सदस्य सचिव

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Invitation for Bids- RUIDP/OCB/RIICO/01
1. Rajasthan Urban Infrastructure Development Project (RUIDP) invites online unconditional bids through e-procurement portal **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** for Package No. RUIDP/RIICO/01 for the work of "Providing Laying and Joining of Conveyance System of Carrying of Alkaline Waste Water from Textile Industries of Light/ Heavy, Marudhara Industrial Area and Basni Phase-I to Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) At Sangaria, Jodhpur including One Year of Defect Liability Period" from eligible class contractor.
2. RTPP Act 2012 and Rules 2013 with all amendment will also be applicable.
3. Bid document for downloading would be available at e-proc website **www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** starting from **07th July, 2023**. Deadline for bid submission up to **15:00 hours on 8th August, 2023.**
4. Pre-bid Meeting for the work package will be held at **15:00 hours on 14th July,** 2023. All the prospective bidders are advised to participate in the Pre-bid meeting.
5. Any addendum, clarification to the bidder's queries and corrigendum etc. will be published on the e-proc web sites and will not be published in Newspapers.
6. Bidders may contact Additional Project Director, RUIDP (0141-2548404), Jaipur for any information on bidding process.
NIB Code - UID2324A0009 & UBN: UID2324WLOB00009
Raj.Samwad/C/23/6094 — Addl. Project Director

मुख्यमंत्री निःशुल्क जाँच योजना
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CIN:U24232RJ2011SGC035067 Website: http://rmsc.health.rajasthan.gov.in
No. F-8( )RMSC/EPM/M-1/2023-24/NIB/344 Dated: 12.07.2023
NOTICE INVITING BID
Bids for Item Biological Safety Cabinet Based on Class II Type A-2 are invited from interested bidders up to 03.08.2023; 06.00 p.m. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state; and http://rmsc.health.rajasthan.gov.in.
UBN-MSC2324GLRC00046
Raj.Samwad/C/23/6091 — Executive Director (EPM)

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
Kerala State Rural Road Development Agency (KSRRDA), Thiruvananthapuram
NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (WINDOW)
Notice No.0 1/3414/2023-24/CE-KSRRDA Dated: 20/07/2023
Download Start Date : 22/07/2023 : 11.00 AM
Download End Date : 08/08/2023 : 5.00 PM
Last date of Physical Document submission : 11/08/2023: 5.00 PM
Date of Tender Opening On-line : 14/08/2023 : 11.00 AM
Chief Engineer, KSRRDA invites e-tenders, on behalf of the Governor of Kerala, On-line bids for 117 road works under PMGSY work from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Public Works Department of States / Central Public Works Department / Railways / Local Self Government Department. The bid forms and other Details can be obtained from the website **www.pmgsytendersker.gov.in** & other details if any will be notified in the website **www.ksrrda.kerala.gov.in**
Sd/- Chief Engineer,
(RO/01750/D3/2023/I&PRD) — Kerala State Rural Roads Development Agency

OFFICE OF THE ADDL. CHIEF ENGINEER P.W.D. ZONE TONK
File No :- 2002-2011 — Dated:- 17.07.2023
NOTICE INVITING BID
NIT 25/2023-24
02 Nos. Bids for upgradation of Rural Road PMGSY Scheme under Phase-III (Batch-II) for the year 2022-23, Zone Tonk (Provision of Defect liability period is 5 years) are invited from interested bidders upto 24.07.2023 Time 12-00 A.M. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in, http://pmgsytendersraj.gov.in) of the state; and Public Works department Rajasthan website. The approximate value of the procurement is Rs. 677.72 Lacs.
NIB Code PWD2324A1743
UBN is PWD2324WSOB08301
UBN is PWD2324WSOB08302
(R.S. BAIRWA)
ADDL. CHIEF ENGINEER,
DIPR/C/10602 — P.W.D., ZONE, TONK

Rajasthan Urban Infrastructure Finance & Development Corporation Limited
(A Government of Rajasthan Undertaking)
Old Working Women Hostel, Behind Nehru Place, Tonk Road Jaipur
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F18 (52) RUDSICO/AMRUT-2.0/2023-24/Tender/6601 — Date: 17.07.2023
NIB No. 7/2023-24
Notice inviting online bids for Sewerage Projects under AMRUT-2.0/Budget Ghoshana 2023-2024
Rajasthan Urban Drinking Water Sewerage & infrastructure Corporation Limited (RUDSICO), a Government of Rajasthan undertaking, invites online unconditional bids on behalf of the Governor of Rajasthan through e-procurement portal **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** from eligible bidders in accordance with the RTPP Act 2012 and RTPP Rules 2013, amended up to date, and under Open Competitive Bidding (OCB) National with single stage-two envelope Bidding procedure for following works.

S. No.	Package No.	Name of Towns	Cost (In Cr)	Bid Security (In Cr)	Period of completion
1	AMRUT-2.0/RAJ/SEWERAGE-27	Bhiwadi	206.21	4.124	24 Months
2	Budget Ghoshna Sewerage work	Nagar (Bharatpur)	40.00	0.80	
3	Budget Ghoshna Sewerage work	Salasar (Churu-Sujangarh)	31.66	0.633	

The details of NIB can be seen at e-procurement portal of state government **sppp.rajasthan.gov.in** and **eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** from date 15.06.2023 at 1700 Hours till the end date of online submission of bids i.e. 18.08.2023 up to 18.00 Hours. Any subsequent addendum/corrigendum shall be published only at the e-procurement portal.
NIB No. RDP2324A0026
UBN No. RDP2324WL0B0067(Nagar)
RDP2324WL0B0066(Salasar)
RDP2324WL0B0068(Bhiwadi)
Raj.Samwad/C/23/6095 — Executive Director

REMARKABLE

Kohli becomes fifth highest run-scorer in international cricket

Star India batter Virat Kohli on Friday surpassed South Africa's Jacques Kallis to become the fifth-highest run-scorer in international cricket history. Kohli achieved this feat on the first day of India's second Test against West Indies at Port of Spain. The game is also the former India captain's 500th international outing.

SPECIAL

Of course, it's really nice to bat with Rohit, says Jaiswal

Yashasvi Jaiswal batting with Rohit Sharma in his debut Test series in the Caribbean has been a revelation and the youngster credits it to the continuous interaction with the India skipper at the crease. "It's really nice to bat with Rohit *bhaiya*. We are always taking about the situation and how we can go forward," said the opener .

SILVER LINING

Sometimes it's an advantage: Smriti on absence of head coach

India's vice-captain Smriti Mandhana, unperturbed by the absence of a head coach for the women's team for over six months, preferred to look at the silver lining, saying tips shared by a different set of coaching staff will be advantageous. "Sometimes it's an advantage, new coaching staff come with new tips and positives."

CLOSE CONTEST

Mohoric wins Stage 19 in a photo finish; Vingegaard still ahead

Slovenian Matej Mohoric won a photo finish for stage 19 of the Tour de France on Friday following the 173 km run from Moirans-en-Montagne to Poligny. The Bahrain Victorious rider finished just ahead of Kasper Asgreen and Ben O'Connor even as runaway race leader Jonas Vingegaard retained the yellow jersey.

Kohli's 29th Test ton, Jadeja and Ashwin's fifties boost India

The visitors continue to frustrate West Indies for two sessions, taking the score to 438 being bowled out at the stroke of tea; Roach and Warrican pick up three wickets each, Holder chips in with two

INDIA IN WEST INDIES

Associated Press
PORT OF SPAIN

Virat Kohli headlined his 500th international appearance with a 76th hundred as India coasted to a healthy first innings score of 438 at tea on the second day of the second Test against the West Indies here on Friday.

Kohli, who missed out on a hundred in the previous Test, made a polished 121 (206b, 11x4), his 29th in the longest format, getting on even keel with none other than the legendary Sir Donald Bradman.

In the process, he also added 159 runs for the fifth wicket with Ravindra Jadeja (61, 152b, 5x4), who also scored his 19th half-century in Tests.

Both were dismissed in quick succession as Kohli fell short of his crease and West Indies' best bowler Kemar Roach (3/104) accounted for Jadeja.

R. Ashwin (56, 78b, 8x4), with four hundreds against the same opposition, did look comfortable against both spin and pace as he played some adventurous ramp shots off Roach to help himself to a half-century. Ishan Kishan (25) would be cursing himself for not making full use of decent batting conditions and a platform set by top-order batters.

Unique feat: Kohli became the first batter to notch up a hundred in his 500th international match. AFP

The first session of the second day undoubtedly belonged to Kohli, who was hardly troubled by any of the West Indies pacers, having taken 77 runs in singles, doubles and triples apart from the 11 boundaries in all.

Starting the day at 87, Kohli reached his century in the first half an hour while dispatching a Roach delivery wide of point with a stretched square drive. The wide grin while raising his bat and then taking a bow said it all.

The satisfaction of scoring his first overseas Test hundred in half a decade was palpable, having last scored a ton on foreign soil in Perth in 2018. As many as nine of his 11 boundaries were hit on the off-side with the signature cover-drive coming out of his closet time and again.

SCOREBOARD

INDIA — 1ST INNINGS
Yashasvi Jaiswal c McKenzie b Holder 57 *(74b, 9x4, 1x6)*, Rohit Sharma b Warrican 80 *(143b, 9x4, 2x6)*, Shubman Gill c Joshua b Roach 10 *(12b, 2x4)*, Virat Kohli run out 121 *(206b, 11x4)*, Ajinkya Rahane b Gabriel 8 *(36b)*, Ravindra Jadeja c Joshua b Roach 61 *(152b, 5x4)*, Ishan Kishan c Joshua b Holder 25 *(37b, 4x4)*, R. Ashwin b Roach 56 *(78b, 8x4)*, Jaydev Unadkat st. Joshua b Warrican 7 *(26b)*, Mohammed Siraj lbw b Warrican 0 *(11b)*, Mukesh Kumar (not out) 0 *(1b)*; Extras (lb-4, w-1, nb-8): 13; Total (in 128 overs **at tea**): 438.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-139 (Jaiswal, 31.4 overs), 2-153 (Gill, 35.4), 3-155 (Rohit, 38.5), 4-182 (Rahane, 50.4), 5-341 (Kohli, 98.2), 6-360 (Jadeja, 103.5), 7-393 (Kishan, 113.5), 8-416 (Unadkat, 122.5), 9-426 (Siraj, 126.5).

WEST INDIES BOWLING
Roach 22-2-104-3, Joseph 22-0-97-0, Gabriel 18-0-74-1, Warrican 39-7-89-3, Holder 21-3-57-2, Athanaze 4-0-12-0, Brathwaite 2-1-1-0.

After Bairstow's blitzkrieg, Wood rattles Australia

THE ASHES

Reuters
MANCHESTER

A hostile spell of bowling from Mark Wood helped England restrict Australia to 113 for four in its second innings on day three of the fourth Test, still trailing the hosts by 162 runs.

Wood dismissed Usman Khawaja (18), Steve Smith (17) and Travis Head (1) to put Australia on the backfoot.

With rain forecast for the weekend and Ben Stokes' men having a 275-run lead, Pat Cummins' side will be playing for a draw that would help it keep the Ashes.

Earlier, a blistering 99 not out from Jonny Bairstow helped the hosts post a colossal 592. With wickets falling around him, Bairstow went into big-hitting mode, much to the delight of the raucous Old Trafford crowd, plundering four sixes to all corners of the ground to compound the visitors' misery.

England No. 11 James Anderson could not help Bairstow reach what would have been one of the fastest centuries of all time as he was trapped in front, but the damage had been done, with England posting its highest Ashes total on home soil since 1985.

In Test history, there have been 3,828 innings lasting 100 overs or more. This was the second fastest run-rate as England scored 5.49 runs per over.

Switching gears: With wickets falling around him, Bairstow unleashed a barrage of strokes. AFP

SCOREBOARD

Australia — 1st innings: 317 in 90.2 overs.
England — 1st Innings: Zak Crawley b Green 189, Ben Duckett c Carey b Starc 1, Moeen Ali c Khawaja b Starc 54, Joe Root b Hazlewood 84, Harry Brook c Starc b Hazlewood 61, Ben Stokes b Cummins 51, Jonny Bairstow (not out) 99, Chris Woakes c Carey b Hazlewood 0, Mark Wood b Hazlewood 6, Stuart Broad c & b Hazlewood 7, James Anderson lbw b Green 5; Extras (b-15, lb-9, nb-11): 35; Total (in 107.4 overs): 592.
Fall of wickets: 1-9, 2-130, 3-336, 4-351, 5-437, 6-474, 7-486, 8-506, 9-526.
Australia bowling: Starc 25-0-137-2, Hazlewood 27-2-126-5, Cummins 23-0-129-1, Green 15.4-1-64-2, Head 7-0-52-0, Marsh 9-0-57-0, Labuschagne 1-0-3-0.
Australia — 2nd innings: Usman Khawaja c Bairstow b Wood 18, David Warner b Woakes 28, Marnus Labuschagne (batting) 44, Steve Smith c Bairstow b Wood 17, Travis Head c Duckett b Wood 1, Mitchell Marsh (batting) 1; Extras (b-1, lb-1, w-1, nb-1): 4; Total (for four wkts. in 41 overs): 113.
Fall of wickets: 1-32, 2-54, 3-97, 4-108.
England bowling: Anderson 11-4-17-0, Broad 8-2-31-0, Moeen 6-0-28-0, Wood 7-0-17-3, Woakes 9-4-18-1.

Dhull and Nishant put India-A in final

Cool heads: India-A players bounced back from a no-hope situation to defeat Bangladesh in the semifinals. TWITTER@BCCI

EMERGING CUP

Press Trust of India
COLOMBO

India-A set up a potentially high-voltage Emerging Asia Cup final against Pakistan-A after defeating Bangladesh-A by 51 runs in the semifinals here on Friday.

Bangladesh had India-A on the ropes, bundling them out for 211, a total made possible by captain Yash Dhull's impressive 66 (85b, 6x4).

But, the Indian spinners made use of the slightly tacky pitch to pack Bangladesh off for 160 to celebrate a fine victory. Left-arm spinner Nishant Sindhu accentuated Bangladesh-A's fall with a five-wicket haul (five for 20); Manav Suthar chipped in with three for 32.

Earlier, Pakistan-A defeated Sri Lanka-A by 60 runs in the first semifinal to enter the summit clash.

The scores: India-A 211 in 49.1 overs (Abhishek Sharma 34, Yash Dhull 66) bt Bangladesh-A 160 in 34.2 overs (Mohammad Naim 38, Tanzid Hasan 51, Nishant Sindhu 5/20, Manav Suthar 3/32). **Toss:** Bangladesh-A.

Manush, Archana swing it Paltan's way against Dabang

UTT

Amol Karhadkar
PUNE

In a game that is extremely technical and complex, a serve is considered the most vital. And an error while serving can prove costly.

This was on display on Friday night during a Season 4 Ultimate Table Tennis match at the Shree Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex. Had it not been for captain G. Sathiyan's error on his serve in the opening game of the mixed doubles rubber, despite Manush Shah pulling off a heist against Jon Persson, Dabang Delhi would have ended up on the winning side against Puneri Paltan.

In the end, it was home franchise Puneri Paltan, with a large group of school kids cheering for it, which sneaked through to an 8-7 win. Sathiyan and Barbora Balazova, both of whom were involved in highly entertaining singles ties, were tied at 10 against Manush and Hana Matelova. Sathiyan stiffened and netted his serve on the golden point – a unique feature in UTT with deuce having been done away with as a mini tie-break at 10-all.

Back in it: Manush's victory over Persson sparked the Pune team's revival. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The Dabang duo made a strong comeback and won the next two games. However, in the final analysis, that missed serve seemed to have cost Delhi dear.

For Paltan, though favourite Omar Assar conceded a game against Sathiyan and Matelova lost to Balazova in singles, Manush and Archana Kamath tilted the tie in their favour.

While Manush accounted for Sweden's Persson to level the tie 6-6, Archana outlasted Sreeja Akula in the deciding game.

The results: Dabang Delhi lost to Puneri Paltan 7-8 (G. Sathiyan lost to Omar Assar 11-6, 8-11, 4-11; Barbora Balazova bt Hana Matelova 2-11, 11-10, 11-10; Sathiyan & Barbora bt Manush Shah & Hana 10-11, 11-4, 11-7; Jon Persson lost to Manush 10-11, 11-8, 4-11; Sreeja Akula lost to Archana Kamath 4-11, 11-7, 6-11).

Harman soars with an eagle, Shubhankar sizzles

BRITISH OPEN

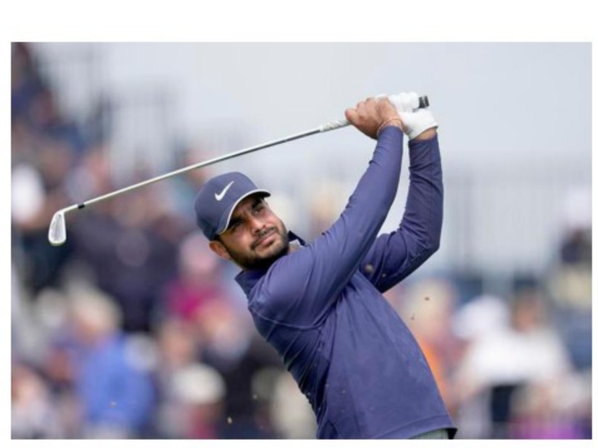
Associated Press
HOYLAKE (UNITED KINGDOM)

Brian Harman found himself in elite company through two rounds at Royal Liverpool, tying the 36-hole record also held by Tiger Woods and Rory McIlroy. Even better was having no company atop the leaderboard in the British Open on Friday.

Harman seized control early with four straight birdies, and saved his best for the final hole. He ripped a 5-iron to 15 feet for eagle, giving him a 6-under 65 and setting a daunting target for Tommy Fleetwood (five strokes behind) and the others.

The 65 matched the lowest score for Royal Liverpool. He was 10-under 132, the same score as Woods in 2006 and McIlroy in 2014 when they went on to win the Claret Jug.

Sepp Straka, with 138, was third while Shubhankar Sharma, Min Woo Lee and Jason Day were tied fourth a stroke behind.



On the rise: Shubhankar moved from the tied seventh spot overnight to tied fourth in the second round. AP

Shubhankar, who put off all celebrations for his 27th birthday till the end of the week, still could not stop smiling as he rose to tied fourth. His par second round saw him rise to three spots from tied seventh on the opening day.

On a course which every player, including Rory McIlroy, has described as "tough" and where the wind has played a big role, Shubhankar stayed steady. He birdied the seventh, bogeyed the eighth, birdied the 15th and had a double bogey on the 17th, where he overshot the green and had a bad lie.

He quickly shrugged off the disappointment and birdied the 18th.

Top scores:
1. Brian Harman (67, 65) 132; 2. Tommy Fleetwood (66, 71) 137; 3. Sepp Straka (71, 67) 138; 4. Min Woo Lee (71, 68), Shubhankar Sharma (68, 71) and Jason Day (72, 67) 139.

INBRIEF

Aditi-Pajaree combine makes the cut

Aditi Ashok and Pajaree Anannarukarn, who came close to winning the Great Lakes Bay Invitational a couple of seasons ago, made the cut this week at LPGA's only team golf event. The duo, which carded 70-66, was tied-29th as the top 34 teams and ties made the cut. Paula Reto and Amelia Lewis shot a 9-under 61 in better-ball play in rain to take the second-round lead.

Satwik-Chirag pair enters semifinals of Korea Open

Men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty entered the semifinals of the Korea Open Super 500 tournament with a straight game win over Japan's Takuro Hoki and Yugo Kobayashi here on Friday. The world No. 3 Indian combination, seeded third here, took just 40 minutes to get the better of the fifth seeded Japanese pair 21-14, 21-17. Satwik and Chirag will take on second seeds Wei Keng Liang and Chang Wang of China, who are the 2021 world champions in men's doubles.

WFI elections to be held on August 12

The delayed Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) elections will now be held on Aug. 12. According to a notification issued by returning officer Justice (retd.) M.M. Kumar on Friday, polling, counting of votes and declaration of results would be held on Aug. 12. The WFI polls, earlier scheduled on July 11, were put on hold by the Gauhati High Court on June 25, the last date for receiving the names for the electoral college. The Supreme Court on Tuesday stayed the High Court order, paving the way for the WFI elections. Accordingly, the electoral process will proceed further from the stage where it was on June 25, said the order from the returning officer.

LIVE TELECAST

Football: Women's World Cup, FanCode, 6.30 a.m., 12.30 p.m. & 3 p.m.

Korea Open badminton: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 7.30 a.m.

The Ashes: 4th Test, day 4, Sony Sports Ten 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 3.30 p.m.

UTT: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 7 p.m.

West Indies vs India: 2nd Test, day 3, DD Sports, FanCode & Jio Cinema App, 7.30 p.m.

Formula One: Hungarian GP (Qualifying), F1 TV & F1 TV Pro App, 7.30 p.m.

MLC: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 3 a.m. (Sunday)

Indian women look to clinch the honours in ODI series

The team will expect a better show from its top order; Harmanpreet hurt her hand during the second ODI and it remains to be seen if the skipper is fully fit to take the field

INDIA IN BANGLADESH

Press Trust of India
MIRPUR

India, eyeing a series-clinching victory, would expect a better show from its top order when it takes on Bangladesh in the third and final women's ODI here on Saturday.

Following a disastrous start, where the Indian women's team crashed to its first-ever defeat to Bangladesh, the visitors levelled the series with a commanding 108-run win on Wednesday.

Come Saturday, the Indian team would not only aim to secure the three-match series but also address the grey areas and continue learning the nature of pitches, given that next year's World Cup is scheduled in Bangladesh.

In the series opener, India's batting unit left a lot to be desired as the visitors were bundled out for 113. But in the second ODI, India put up an improved batting display with skipper Harmanpreet Kaur and Jemimah Rodrigues notching half-centuries.

However, the form of the top order continues to be a cause of concern.

On the bright side, Jemimah was back among runs, scoring a career-best 86 while skipper Harmanpreet has also looked in good nick. But having hurt her hand, it is to be seen if the skipper is fully fit.

The Indian bowlers, on the other hand, were on the mark with leggie Devika Vaidya and part-time spinner Jemimah, who had a career best 4/3, sharing seven wickets between them.

Bangladesh will also hope for a better effort from its batters. The hosts lost seven wickets in the space of 14 runs. The match starts at 9 a.m. IST.

Reason to cheer: The Indian bowlers were on the mark in the second ODI against Bangladesh. TWITTER@BCCIWOMEN

Indian para archers earn two more quotas for Paris Games

Sports Bureau
KOLKATA

Tokyo Paralympics bronze medallist Harvinder Singh and Pooja have bagged quota places in recurve men and women open categories as India has collected a total of six archery quota places so far in the 2024 Paris Paralympics.

At the World archery para championships in Pilsen, Czech Republic, on Friday, Harvinder, who got a first-round bye, beat Georgian Giorgi Managdze 6-0 and Azerbaijan's Jahan Musayev 6-4 before losing 7-1 to Indonesia's Kholidin in the pre-quarterfinals. He finished ninth to qualify for the Paralympics.

Pooja, who also received a first round bye but went down to Italy's Veronica Florence 6-2, grabbed an opportunity as she beat Korean Jo Jang Moon 6-5 (10-7) to place fourth in the secondary tournament and book a ticket to Paris.

Earlier, four Indian compound archers had secured quota places.

The mixed team of Rakesh Kumar and Sarita reached the final to qualify.

Sheetal's feat

Armless 16-year-old Sheetal Devi, who shoots with her feet, overcame three opponents before getting past top-ranked compatriot Sarita 137-133 in the semifinals and setting up a title clash with Turkey's Oznur Cure. She also earned a quota place.

Sarita scored 697 (previous 696) out of a maximum of 720 points to set three world records, including a mixed team record with Rakesh and women's doubles record with Sheetal apart from the individual mark.

Shyam Sundar Swami, who took second place in the secondary tournament, was the other Indian to qualify for the mega event.

The qualified para-archers: Harvinder Singh (recurve men open), Pooja (recurve women open), Rakesh Kumar and Shyam Sundar Swami (both compound men open), Sarita and Sheetal Devi (both compound women open).

Pant has made progress: BCCI

CRICKET

Sports Bureau
CHENNAI

India wicketkeeper-batter Rishabh Pant has resumed batting and wicketkeeping in the nets at the National Cricket Academy in Bengaluru as he recovers from a car accident he sustained in December last year.

According to a medical update from the BCCI, Pant has made significant progress in his rehabilitation and is following a fitness programme designed for him, including strength, flexibility and running.

Meanwhile, pacers Jasprit Bumrah and Prasidh Krishna (both suffered back injuries) are also in the final stages of their rehab and bowling with full intensity in the nets.

The duo will now play some practice games which the NCA will organise. The statement added, "The BCCI Medical Team is pleased with their progress and will make a final decision after assessing them following the practice games."

Batters K.L. Rahul (thigh injury) and Shreyas Iyer (back injury) have also resumed batting in the nets following their respective surgeries. They are currently undergoing strength and fitness drills, with the medical team set to increase their intensity both in terms of skills and strength & conditioning in the coming days.

Delhi High Court to pass order on Wrestlers' petition today

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Friday said it will pass an order on Saturday (July 22) on a petition by Under-20 World Champion Antim Panghal and Under-23 Asian Champion Sujeet Kalkal against the direct entry granted to top wrestlers Vinesh Phogat and Bajrang Punia for the Asian Games.

Justice Subramonium Prasad while reserving the verdict said, "The endeavour of the court is not to find who is better. The endeavour is to see whether the process has been followed or not".

Vinesh (53kg) and Bajrang (65kg) were given direct entry for the Asian Games by the Indian Olympic Association's ad-hoc committee on Tuesday, while other wrestlers will have to earn their places in the Indian squad through selection trials on July 22 and 23. Both were at the forefront of the wrestlers' protest demanding the arrest of outgoing WFI chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh for the alleged sexual harassment of seven women grapplers.

According to WFI guidelines, the selection trials in all weight categories are mandatory. However, the selection committee will have the discretion to select the iconic players like medallists of Olympic/World Championship without trial provided it has been recommended by the Chief Coach/Foreign Expert.

The counsel for Panghal and Kalkal claimed there are no foreign experts and the decision to exempt Bajrang and Vinesh has been taken without recommendations from the chief coaches. They demanded that the directive issued by the IOA ad-hoc committee with regard to the two categories (men's freestyle 65kg and women's 53kg) be quashed and the exemption granted to Vinesh and Bajrang be set aside.

The plea said while Panghal and Kalkal have "been working really hard to clinch their position", Vinesh and Bajrang have not participated in any competition this year and were also not part of the national camp.

PTI reports:

Meanwhile, the IOA appointed ad-hoc committee has decided to conduct the Asian Games wrestling trials behind closed doors after parents of some of the wrestlers got into a heated argument with panel members at the IG Stadium in New Delhi on Friday.

Angry wrestlers and their family members threatened to boycott the trials in protest of the exemption given to Olympic medallist Bajrang Punia (65 kg) and world medallist Vinesh Phogat (53 kg).

The families of wrestlers came to the trial venue and argued with the ad-hoc panel alleging that the decision was "unfair" and "unjust".

Spain throws down the gauntlet with hammering of Costa Rica

Standout performer: Bonmati scores the second goal through a maze of Costa Rican feet. GETTY IMAGES

WOMEN'S WC

Agence France-Presse
WELLINGTON

Spain fired a warning shot to its Women's World Cup rivals with a 3-0 defeat of Costa Rica on Friday, with superstar Alexia Putellas making a late cameo off the bench.

The Spaniards showed why they're among the favourites in a Group C mismatch in Wellington, rifling 46 shots against opponents who spent nearly the entire game defending and were flattered by the scoreline.

La Roja dominated possession from the off with its slick passing and threatened a rout when all three goals came in the space of six minutes midway through the first half.

It was joined in the 77th minute by reigning two-time Ballon d'Or winner Putellas, whose fitness had been in doubt after cutting short a training session on Monday.

Neat touches

Putellas produced some neat touches over the closing minutes but couldn't help a frustrated Spain add to the scoresheet.

Over in Melbourne, goalkeeper Chiamaka Nnadozie was the hero for Nigeria to earn it a point against Canada but there was to be no fairytale debut for the Philippines.

Nigeria held Olympic champion Canada 0-0, thanks partly to a second-half penalty save by Nnadozie, before Switzerland defeated the Philippines 2-0 in the second match of the second day of the tournament.

The results: Group A: Philippines 0 lost to Switzerland 2 (Ramona Bachman 45-pen, Seraina Severin Piubel 64)

Group B: Nigeria 0 drew with Canada 0.

Group C: Spain 3 (Valeria del Campo 21-og, Aitana Bonmati 23, Esther Gonzalez 27) bt Costa Rica 0.

Ashwa Magadheera well prepped to come good in Karnataka Police Cup

BENGALURU: Ashwa Magadheera, who has been well tuned, is expected to score in the Karnataka Police Cup (1,800m), the feature event of the races to be held here on Saturday (July 22). False rails (width about 6m from 1,600m to the winning post) will be in position.

1 BOLD GESTURE PLATE (1,200m), rated 00 to 25, 2-00 p.m.: 1. Meghann (8) Abdul Fazal 62.5, 2. Greenwich (1) S. John 62, 3. Fair Counsel (3) P. Siddaraju 60.5, 4. Way Of Life (4) R. Pradeep 60.5, 5. Sky Princess (5) Sai Kiran 60, 6. Southernaristocrat (2) B. Paswan 60, 7. Bellissimo (7) Afsar Khan 58 and 8. Perfect Halo (6) Tousif 53.
1. SKY PRINCESS, 2. GREENWICH, 3. PERFECT HALO

2 DONCASTER PLATE (1,600m), rated 20 to 45, 4-y-o & over, 2-30: 1. Peluche (5) A. Ramu 61.5, 2. Memorable Time (1) Akshay K 59, 3. Aircraft (4) Trevor 57.5, 4. Armory (3) Kiran Rai 57, 5. High Opinion (6) Hindu S 56.5, 6. Glow In The Dark (7) Sai Kiran 54, 7. Ring Master (2) S. Saqlain 53 and 8. Ultimate Chance (8) G. Vivek 51.
1. MEMORABLE TIME, 2. AIRCRAFT, 3. GLOW IN THE DARK

3 ABOLINE PLATE (DIV. II), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 4-y-o & over, 3-00: 1. Schafenberg (8) Rayan 60, 2. Foi (2) Akshay K 56.5, 3. Appsara (6) Vinod Shinde 56, 4. Spirit Dancer (3) Vishal Bunde 56, 5. Domina (9) C. Umesh 55, 6. Sacred Creator (5) Kiran Rai 55, 7. Burst Of Blaze (1) B. Nayak 53.5, 8. Solo Prince (7) Arvind K 52.5 and 9. Chiraag (4) Shreyas S 50.
1. FOI, 2. SCHAFENBERG, 3. SOLO PRINCE

4 DR. K.M. SRINIVASA GOWDA MEMORIAL CUP (1,400m), rated 40 to 65, 4-y-o & over, 3-30: 1. Slainte (4) Inayat 62.5, 2. King Louis (2) Trevor 60.5, 3. Spectacular (8) Hindu S 57.5, 4. Impiana (3) Akshay K 57, 5. Nikolina (7) S. Shareef 55.5, 6. Golden Time (1) Vinod Shinde 55, 7. Able One (5) Jagadeesh 53 and 8. The Republic Power (6) P. Siddaraju 51.
1. KING LOUIS, 2. IMPIANA, 3. SLAINTE

5 KARNATAKA POLICE CUP (1,800m), rated 60 to 85, 4-00: 1. Knight In Hooves (1) M. Prabhakaran 60, 2 Ashwa Magadheera (2) Suraj 58, 3. Shubankar (3) Akshay K 55.5 and 4. Kalamitsi (4) Trevor 53.5.
1. ASHWA MAGADHEERA, 2. KALAMITSI

6 BETWAY CAPE DANCE PLATE (1,400m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 4-30: 1. Cristaldo (4) G. Vivek 56, 2. Crown Witness (11) Suraj 56, 3. Gandolfini (9) Hindu S 56, 4. Grizzly (8) Sai Kiran 56, 5. Red Falcon (6) S. Saqlain 56, 6. Vinamrao (5) Ayaz Khan 56, 7. Clockwise (10) C. Umesh 54.5, 8. Norwegian Wood (1) Akshay K 54.5, 9. Rochelle (2) S. Shareef 54.5, 10. She's A Lady (7) Neeraj 54.5 and 11. West Brook (3) Trevor 54.5.
1. RED FALCON, 2. CROWN WITNESS, 3. WEST BROOK

7 ABOLINE PLATE (DIV. I), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 4-y-o & over, 5-00: 1. Rightly Noble (5) B. Dharshan 62.5, 2. Divine Blessings (8) Inayat 61.5, 3. Opus One (1) S. Saqlain 61, 4. Stars Above (4) S. John 61, 5. The Omega Man (3) Tousif 61, 6. Embankment (7) Shreyas S 60, 7. Caesars Palace (6) G. Vivek 59.5, 8. Star Comet (2) Vishal Bunde 59 and 9. Ardakan (9) Arvind K 53.
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ROUND-UP

Easy for Whitefield FC

BENGALURU: Whitefield FC defeated Jayanagar FC 3-0 in the 'C' division football league here.

The results: Whitefield FC bt Jayanagar FC 3-0; RVFC bt Footlong FC 2-1; Bangalore North bt Satya FC 4-2; Technico FC bt DB United FC 5-1.

Customs & GST posts win

Customs & GST edged out Postal 2-1 in the 7th Edition Hockey Karnataka league here.

The results: Customs & GST 2 (Advaith Nachappa 50, S.V. Sunil 52) bt Postal 1 (Sridhar 13); AGORC 8 (Jay Prakash 4, Nithin Thimmaiah 25, Trishul Ganapathi 36, 40, 48, Abharan Sudev 38, Naeem 43, Sachin Mallad 50) bt SAI STC 1 (Akarsh Biddappa 38).

Asher stars for MCHS

Asher D' Souza (35 points) helped MCHS defeat Southern Blues 80-49 in the State sub-junior under-13 boys' basketball championship here.

The results: Semifinal league: Boys: Young Orions SC 51 (Avyam 35) bt Vimanapura SC 32 (Daniel 10); MCHS 80 (Asher D' Souza 35, Pradyun Channalli 20) bt Southern Blues 49 (Raghav Nair 28, Shivank Tiwari 12).
Girls: All Star Academy 47 (Lahari 18, Aanchal 10) bt Appaiah BC 20 (Aarushi 11).
Southern Blues 42 (Adel D' Souza 28, Swathi 12) bt Young Orions SC 27 (Manasvi 12).

Indian team bags rapid fire pistol silver

SHOOTING

Sports Bureau

The Indian shooters failed to get among the individual medals in rapid fire pistol, but combined to bag the team silver behind China in the Junior World Championship in Changwon, Korea, on Friday.

Mahesh Pasupathy did make the individual final, with a score of 578, along with six Chinese but finished sixth eventually.

The Chinese swept the individual and team gold. They beat India by 17 points for the team title.

The Indian trio of Mahesh, Sameer Ghulia and Rakanwar Singh Sandhu bagged the silver 11 points ahead of France.

In trap, Shapath Bharadwaj shot 47 after two rounds, and was one point behind the leaders.

In women's trap, Preeti Rajak and Aashima Ahlawat had shot 44, and were two points behind the leader Ilia Naz Uzun of Turkey.China topped the table with seven gold, eight silver and four bronze medals.

India was in the second spot with four gold, four silver and three bronze.

The results: 25m rapid fire pistol: Junior men: 1. Wang Shiwen (Chn) 29 (582); 2. Theo Moczko (Fra) 26 (577); Yoon Seoyeong (Kor) 22 (581); 6. Mahesh Pasupathy 8 (578).

Happy time: Sameer Ghulia, Mahesh Pasupathy, and Rajkanwar Singh Sandhu, with the team silver. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Is the AFI taking any new step to deter drug cheats?

Frequently updating national campers' list, including State results in performance charts could be crucial tools to monitor athletes

ATHLETICS

Stan Rayan
KOCHI

Now that the World Anti-Doping Agency's 'Operation Carousel' has exposed the many flaws in the National Anti-Doping Agency's (NADA) dope-testing and whereabouts monitoring system and has suggested corrective measures, what are the national federations doing to clean up the sport of dope cheats.

One asked the Athletics Federation of India, perhaps the most efficient national sport body which was awarded the best member federation by the Asian Athletics Association in Bangkok recently, to see if it is planning anything new.

The AFI has a strict no-needle policy at its national camps. And since it believes that it is easier to take illegal substances outside national camps, it has a rule that only national campers will be included in Indian relay teams for major championships. That, however, has not stopped national campers from failing dope tests.

Anjali's case

Quartermiler Anjali Devi, a national camper who was lying low without competing in her main event for three and half years, suddenly showed up at the recent Bhubaneswar Inter-State Nationals and clocked the fastest time by an Indian woman this year (51.48s). It soon became clear that it was not a 'clean' performance.

"Her sample was taken on June 16 (the day of her stunning Bhubaneswar run) and we were informed (about the result) in July," said Adille Sumariwalla, the AFI president, in a chat with *The Hindu* from Paris.

Constrained: AFI president Sumariwalla says resources are limited and one has to make the best of what is available. FILE PHOTO

Two other national campers, Inter-State Nationals silver medallist shot putter Karanveer Singh and sprinter Archana Suseendran also tested positive recentlyand are now under provisional suspension.

So clearly, the AFI needs to do more to make life difficult for cheats."So what should we do? Stop camps? How do we monitor-...please explain, tell me the process," asked Sumariwalla.

Confusing signals

One felt the AFI should update its list of national campers at least every fortnight. Almost every campers' list includes a few athletes who are not in the national camp.

Surprise out-of-competition testing is the most effective tool to catch cheats but the campers' list is not of much help.

With NADA informing WADA's Intelligence and Investigations department, which conducted Operation Carousel, that it now has an investigator and two intelligence staff, will it not be easier for testers to conduct surprise tests if an updated campers list is readily available?

"So what if it is an oversight (non-campers being in campers' list)? It is updated every week with SAI and NADA," revealed Sumariwalla. "How does it matter if it is on AFI website and does not get changed on time. We are stretched for resources."

Though World Athletics maintains a detailed website that lists almost every athlete's performance chart, the performances in various State championships in India do not figure under athletes' profile from this year. State meets could be a useful tool to monitor any surprise performance so it is important that these results are also included in athletes' performance charts..

"They are to be displayed by individual States on their websites as per AFI norms," said the federation chief.

And shouldn't the federation try to find out from athletes the source of their illegal substances? And who supplies them? "That is job of NADA. To us, athletes say that they are innocent. We tried. They always deny they have taken anything," said Sumariwalla.

"Resources in federations are limited. We have to make the best of what we have. We work voluntarily to give our time and energy "

Russell on top after Perez crash in rain-hit session

Quickest: George Russell topped the times for Mercedes in the opening practice. AP

HUNGARIAN GP

Agence France-Presse
BUDAPEST

George Russell topped the times for Mercedes ahead of McLaren's Oscar Piastri in Friday's rain-hit opening practice for this weekend's Hungarian Grand Prix.

In a wet session punctuated by crashes – including one by Red Bull's under-pressure Sergio Perez – and red flags, Australian rookie Piastri clocked a best lap in 1min 38.795 sec to outpace Briton Russell by three tenths of a second.

The Aston Martin of Lance Stroll was third quickest ahead of Lando Norris in the second McLaren, two-time world champion Fernando Alonso and Alfa Romeo's Valtteri Bottas.

Defending champion Max Verstappen of Red Bull and seven-time champion Lewis Hamilton of Mercedes both chose not to run in the risky conditions. Perez had earlier crashed on his opening installation lap, severely damaging the front of this car.

After a nine-minute delay, the session resumed with rain falling heavily and forcing the teams to pit their cars and wait for the storm to pass.

Hamilton made a brief foray to test the conditions on intermediates, followed by Ocon, but only for one lap each before Norris and Piastri, in the two McLarens also went out – and the rain intensified.

As the rain eased, with 16 minutes remaining, Valtteri Bottas went out to provide brief entertainment and clock a lap time of 1:47.787 in his Alfa Romeo. It put him alone at the top.

Verstappen followed him, but within a minute Ferrari's Carlos Sainz went off to bring another red flag stoppage, the Spaniard glancing the barriers after spinning out of Turn Three.

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1	**Sub Work 1:** Ghataprabha - Construction of RPF barrack (10 beds) **Sub Work 2:** Replacement of RPF barrack at Castle Rock 14 beds in lieu of old RPF barrack **Sub Work 3:** Kulem - Proposed construction of Running room (18 beds).	Rs. 9,16,852.12
2	**Hubballi:** Creation of Infrastructure and Test set up at Diesel LOCO shed/Hubballi for Homing 50 Electric Locomotives.	Rs. 11,14,286.90
3	Provision of Telecom arrangement for paving of full loading area and provision of merchant room, labour room, toilets, drinking water, approach road and yard.	Rs. 5,83,777.98

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I, Parimala Rudrappa Bommanahalli W/o Sangappa Biradar Aged About 55 years, R/at No.2628/2253 Sun Rise School Road Nelamagala Town, Kasaba Hobali, Nelamagala Taluku, Bengalore Rural District, do hereby declare to the General Public that, on 19/07/2023 before the Notary Public I have changed my name as Parimala Rudrappa Bommanahalli instead of parimala.

therefore, I request the General Public in large Friends and Relatives henceforth be pleased to call me and identify me with my new Name Parimala Rudrappa Bommanahalli. Sd/-

Lokesh.K.S, Advocate, 1st Floor, KRP Building, Paramanna Layout, Nelamangala Town - 562123. B.lore Rural Dist. Mob: 9972577244

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that, my client, Mr.Ravi.V S/o.Venkatesh Aged about 33 years, residing at No.4815, 1st main Road, Marenahalli, Vijayanagar, Bangalore -560040, has LOST THE ORIGINAL SALE DEED DATED 18.02.2005, REGISTERED AS DOCUMENT NO.BLN-1-52188/2004-2005 OF BOOK-I, STORED IN CD NO.BLND 129, IN THE OFFICE OF THE SUB-REGISTRAR, BANGALORE NORTH TALUK, LOST AT NAGARABHAVI SUB REGISTRAR OFFICE, ON 23.06.2023, BETWEEN 01:00PM TO 02:00PM. A Complaint is lodged in online dated 21.07.2023 vide Lost Report bearing No.0652629/2023, Finders may return the same to the near Police Station or contact at the below address.

BHASKAR.M,
ADVOCATES & LEGAL CONSULTANTS,
Office: No.739, 3rd Floor, 60th Cross, Near Bhashyam Circle, 5th Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore -560 010 **Land line:** 080-48520073

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The undersigned on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tender through IREPS only for supply of following items: **Tender closing Time: 10:30 Hrs.**

Sl	Tender No.	Description in Brief (E-Open Tenders)	Qty.	Tender Due on
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2	17231385	Overhauling Kit for Piston Valve	24 Set	27.07.2023
3	17225005D	Set of Items for securing slack adjuster pin	400 Set	02.08.2023
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6	17231560	Lock Bolt kit for link mach	124 Set	03.08.2023
7	17231215	Kit repair seal MVCC	337 Set	09.08.2023
8	18231122	Contactor STA to EMD Part No 8482180	12 Nos	12.08.2023
9	60235118	1 Meter Long Fish Plate 52 Kg	2000 Nos	16.08.2023
10	17231004	Spring assembly rubber secondary	151 Nos	16.08.2023

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I, BINDU M P, W/o Satheesan B P, Baliyery Puthiyaveettil, Kadoormukku, Mayyil, Kannur 670 601 have changed my date of birth from 01.05.1978 to 01.06.1978 vide Affidavit No. DT 337801 dated 01.07.2023 sworn before Notary Pradeep Kumar O and date of birth as per ID No. 690787606367 and PAN Card

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, BHARATHI Naik, R/a Flat No.G–1303, G Block, Brigade Gateway, 26/1, Dr. Rajkumar Road, behind Orion Mall, Bengaluru–560055 have changed my name to Bharathi Nagaraj Naik vide affidavit d: 19.07.2023 sworn before Notary K.V.Mani, B'luru

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, DAMA Suresh, R/a Sravya Enclave, No.364, 5th Floor, 3rd Cross, Opp BHEL Park, Pattanagere Village, Rajrajeshwari Nagar, Bengaluru-560098 have changed my name to Dama Suresh Kumar vide affidavit dt: 20.07.2023 sworn before Notary K.V.Mani, B'luru

I, Utkarsh Dixit S/o Pramila Dixit R/o C-703, 7th Floor Silver Domicile Apartment Rachenahalli Thanisandra Dr. Shivarama Karanth Nagar Bengaluru Karnataka-560077 have changed my name to Utkarssh Dixit

I, SAIFULLA Khalid Abdul Rasheed, S/o Abdul Rasheed, R/at No.11, 3rd Cross, Ex-Servicemen Colony, Dinnur, R T Nagar Post, Bangalore-560032, have changed my name to Saifulla Khalid vide affidavit dated 20/07/2023 before Notary Sivakumara.M.N, Bengaluru.

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IN THE COURT OF THE 73rd ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGLORE (CCH-74) O.S. NO. 26876/2022

BETWEEN
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Land mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai-400 051 and its branch office at Myshtree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068
Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa ...**Plaintiff**
And :
Sri. Sabarinathan G ...**Defendant**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Sri. Sabarinathan G,
S/o Sri Ganesh Kumar, Aged about 41 years, No.11, Aashraya Surabhi, 2nd Main, 5th Cross, Manjushree Layout, Jinkethimanahalli, K R Puram, Varansi, Bangalore-560 036

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs.13,44,970/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Forty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Only)** together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 73rd Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge **(CCH-74)** in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on **16.08.2023** at **11.00 a.m.** failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this **17-07-2023.**

BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT DEPUTY REGISTRAR, CITY CIVIL COURT, MAYOHALL UNIT, BANGALORE

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
S.a. Associates,
No. 10,7th Cross, Victoria Banfalpre- 560047

IN THE COURT OF THE IV th in ADDL' CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-21) O.S. NO.26937/2022

BETWEEN
ICICI Bank Limited
Having its Registered office at LandMark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400 051 and its Branch office at Mythree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068
Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa ...**Applicant**
And
Mrs. Sagaya Jenifer P ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Mrs. Sagaya Jenifer P
D/o Mr. John Decastox,
Aged about 32 years,
No. 24, Ground Floor, Temple Street, Huniswamappa Road, HS Palya, Kammanahalli, Bangalore- 560 033

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you of Rs. 4,23,575/- (Rupees Four Lakh Twenty Three Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Five Only) together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH 21) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on - **07/09/23** at **11.00 a.m.** failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.
Giverunder my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this **19-07-2023**

BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT DEPUTY REGISTRAR, CITY CIVIL COURT, MAYOHALL UNIT, BANGALORE

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
SA Associates,
No.10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout,
Bangalore- 560 047

IN THE COURT OF 26th ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYO HALL AT BANGALORE (CCH 20) O.S. NO. 25311/2022

BETWEEN :
M/S ICICI BANK LIMITED
Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560001
Represented by its officer of Power of Attorney Holder Mr. Pramodh G
Aged about 47 years
S/o Gurumallappa ...**PLAINTIFF**
AND :
1. MR. NARASIMHAMURTHY K R S/o Mr.Rane Gowda, Aged about 36 years, 12 Narayana layout DB, Kallu NR, Ganesh Temple, Bangalore- 560073.
2. Ms. RATHNAMMA, D/o Mr. Aswathamma, Aged about 36 years, 12 Narayana layout DB, Kallu NR, Ganesh Temple, Bangalore- 560073.
...**DEFENDANT**

Summons to Defendant

Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 9,52,406.80/- (Rupees Nine Lakhs Fifty Two Thousand Four Hundred and Six and Paisa Eighty Only)** apart from future interest of 12.53% p.a., in **O.S. No. 25311/2022** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH 20**, Before Addl. City Civil Court, Mayohall, Bengaluru
You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the **12th** day of **Octobar 2023** at **11 A.M.** to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Ex-parte.
Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the 18th day of July, 2023.

By the order of Court Deputy Registrar City Civil Court, Mayohall, BENGALURU- 560 001

Fx & Co., Advocates, New No.9, Old No.11/1 Gover Road, Cox Town, Bengaluru- 560 005.

IN THE COURT OF THE LXVIII ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGLORE (CCH-69) ORIGINAL SUIT NO. 5137 OF 2022

BETWEEN
ICICI Bank Ltd.,
a body corporate incorporated and registered under the Indian Companies Act, 1956 and licensed as a Bank under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 having Registered Office at : "Landmark", Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390007. And having its Regional office at ICICI Bank Ltd., 4/10, 1st Floor Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Road, Bangalore- 560068 And represented by its POA Holder and collection Manager Mr. Rohith Ali M, S/o Ishrath Ali M, Age 24 years ...**Plaintiff**
And :
Mr. Anjam Kumar, ...**Defendant**

Summons to the defendant by way of paper publiction

To,
Defendant:
Mr. Anjam Kumar, Aged about 32 years, Son of Venkatarayappa, R/at. No 43E, Sonnenahalli, Chakarasanahalli, Near Stone Quarry, Kolar- 563133

Whereas the Plaintiff above named has filed a suit under Order VII Rule 1 & 2 of the Civil Procedure Code for recovery of **Rs 5,98,675/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Ninety Eight Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy Five Only)** as together with interest at the rate 18% p.a. from date of due to till the date of realization. You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court, in person or by a pleader on **18-08-2023** at **11.00 am** to show cause against the suit, and falling wherein the suit will be heard and determined exparte.
Given under my hand and seal of the Court this 14th day of July, 2023.

By order of the Court, Asst. Registrar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru.

Advocate for Plaintiff
S.M. ANEES AHAMED, B.M. KUSHALAPPA, Advocates, No. 4(10/2), West Park Road, Kumara Park East, Bangalore- 560001.

IN THE COURT OF 26th ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYO HALL AT BANGALORE (CCH 20) O.S. NO. 25354/2022

BETWEEN :
M/S ICICI BANK LIMITED
Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore-560001
Represented by its officer of Power of Attorney Holder Mr. Pramodh G
Aged about 47 years
S/o Gurumallappa ...**PLAINTIFF**
AND:
MR. NARASIMHA RAJU HS S/o Mr. Siddagangaiah Aged about 32 ycars, No. K 65, 13th Cross, Lakshminarayanapuram, Bangalore- 560021.
...**DEFENDANTS**

Summons to Defendants

Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 6,52,424.61/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Fifty Two Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Four and Paisa Sixty One ONly)** apart from future interest of 12.49% p.a., in **O.S. No. 25354/2022** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH 20**, Before Addl., City Civil Court, Mayohall, Bengaluru.
You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the **12th** day of **October 2023** at **11 A.M.** to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Ex-parte.
Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the 18th day of July, 2023.

By the order of Court Deputy Registrar City Civil Court, Mayohall, BENGALURU- 560 001

FX & Co., Advocates, New No.9, Old No.11/1 Gover Road, Cox Town, Bengaluru- 560 005.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, M S VIJAY, R/at No. 1744 A and B 1st O Main Road, 2nd Stage, 2nd Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore – 560010 have lost my original document at near my residence I have raised an lost complaint on dated 13-05-2023, bearing FIR No. 0561358/2023, and it's registered Sale Deed No. 16280/2001- 2002, originally the document stands in my wife's name LATE DR. BENITA V DAVID,W/o. M S Vijay.

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LEGAL NOTICE

BEFORE THE I ADDITIONAL FAMILY COURT AT CHENNAI
O.S. NO. 55 OF 2023

P. Ilyas Ahmed Khan ....Plaintiff/ Husband
Vs
Mrs. Syeda Azra ....Defendant/wife

To,
Mrs.Syeda Azra,
W/o. Mr. Ilyas Ahmed Khan,
Residing at No.36, 1st Main road, (Opposite to Corporation Bank), Yelahanka New Town.
Bangalore – 560064.

Please take notice that in the above referred matrimonial case, the learned I Addl. Family court, Chennai was placed to order paper publication for your appearance on 14/08/2023. Please also take notice and appear before the said court 14/08/2023 at 10.30 A.M, failing which the above matter will be heard and decided in your absence.

// By Order//
Ilyas Ahmed Khan
Petitioner/ Husband In person

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Form No. INC-26
{Pursuant to Rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014}
Before the Central Government, Regional Director, South East Region, Hyderabad
In the matter of sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Companies Act, 2013 and clause (a) of sub-rule (5) of Rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014
AND
In the matter of
MOTHER HITECH BOARDS PRIVATE LIMITED
(CIN: U25209KA2007PTC043358)
having its Registered Office at **NO.65, 29th A CROSS, 4th BLOCK, JAYANAGAR BANGALORE, KARNATAKA- 560011**
.....Applicant Company / Petitioner

NOTICE is hereby given to the General Public that the company proposes to make an application to the Central Government under Section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013 seeking confirmation of alteration of the Memorandum of Association of the Company in terms of the special resolution passed at the Extra Ordinary General Meeting held on **30th June, 2023** to enable the company to change its Registered Office from **"State of Karnataka"** to the **"Union Territory of Pondicherry"**.
Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the registered office of the company may deliver either on the **MCA-21 portal (www.mca.gov.in) by filing investor complaint form** or cause to be delivered or send by registered post of his /her objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his / her interest and grounds of opposition to the **Regional Director, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, South East Region, 3rd Floor, Corporate Bhawan, Bandlaguda, Nagole, Tattiannaram Village, Hayat Nagar Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Hyderabad-500068, Telangana** within fourteen days (14) from the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the applicant Company at its Registered Office at the address mentioned below:-
NO.65, 29th A CROSS, 4th BLOCK, JAYANAGAR, BANGALORE, KARNATAKA- 560011

For & on behalf of
MOTHER HITECH BOARDS PRIVATE LIMITED
Sd/-
VIJAYA JAYARAM
(DIRECTOR)
DIN : 01205705

Date : 22.07.2023
Place : Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE

Form No. INC-26
{Pursuant to Rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014}
Before the Central Government, Regional Director, South East Region, Hyderabad
In the matter of sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Companies Act, 2013 and clause (a) of sub-rule (5) of Rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014
AND
In the matter of
SRIVARI PRINT PACK PRIVATE LIMITED
(CIN: U20101KA1996PTC019822)
having its Registered Office at **NO.65, 29th A CROSS, 4th BLOCK, JAYANAGAR BANGALORE, KARNATAKA- 560011**
.....Applicant Company / Petitioner

NOTICE is hereby given to the General Public that the company proposes to make an application to the Central Government under Section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013 seeking confirmation of alteration of the Memorandum of Association of the Company in terms of the special resolution passed at the Extra Ordinary General Meeting held on **30th June, 2023** to enable the company to change its Registered Office from **"State of Karnataka"** to the **"Union Territory of Pondicherry"**.
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NO.65, 29th A CROSS, 4th BLOCK, JAYANAGAR, BANGALORE, KARNATAKA- 560011

For & on behalf of
SRIVARI PRINT PACK PRIVATE LIMITED
Sd/-
VIJAYA JAYARAM
(DIRECTOR)
DIN : 01205705

Date : 22.07.2023
Place : Bangalore

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 13th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGLORE (CCH-22) O.S. NO. 25366/2023

BETWEEN
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai-400 051 and its branch office at Mysthree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068
Represented its Relationship Manager and POA Holder Ms. Mansi Singh ...**Plaintiff**
And
Ms. Rajbala Kumari ...**Defendant**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Ms. Rajbala Kumari,
D/o Sri. Vijay Prasad Sah,
Aged about 34 years, No. 3 & 4, BBMP Katha No. 558, 243, Vinayaka Layout, Immadihalli Main Road, Whitefield, Bengaluru- 560 066

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs. 5,39,546/- (Rupees Five Lakh Thirty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Forty Six Only)** together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 13th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge **(CCH-22)** in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on **29.08.2023** at **11.00 a.m.** failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this **19.07.2023.**

BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT DEPUTY REGISTRAR, CITY CIVIL COURT, MAYOHALL UNIT, BANGALORE

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
S.A. Associates,
No. 10,7th Cross, Victoria Bangalore- 560047

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 13th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-22) O.S. NO. 25202/2023

Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Land mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai 400 051 and its branch office at Mythree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560 068
Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa ...**Plaintiff**
And :
M Umadevi ...**Defendant**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Smt. M Umadevi,
W/o Sri. Mallaiah,
Aged about 45 years,
No. 41, 10th Main, 4th Block, Nandini Layout, Bangalore North, Bangalore- 560096

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs. 5,02,074/- (Rupees Five Lakh Two Thousand and Seventy Four Only)** together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 13th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge **(CCH - 22)** in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 28.08.2023 at 11.00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.
given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 19.07.2023

BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT DEPUTY REGISTRAR, CITY CIVIL COURT, MAYOHALL UNIT, BANGALORE

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
SA Associates,
No.10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560 047

INRC season set to begin this weekend in Chennai

The two-day event has a nine-race card and has attracted more than 50 entries; touring and saloon cars will headline the season-opener; MMSC will be deploying MYLAPS timing equipment

Ready to roll: The Touring Cars will be the highlight of the opening round. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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The 2023 season of the MRF MMSC FMSCI Indian National Car Racing Championship will commence at the Madras International Circuit here over the weekend.

The two-day event (July 22-23) with a nine-race card has attracted over 50 entries.

The touring and saloon cars will be headlining the season-opener.

The ever-popular touring cars will be contested across three classes – the premium Indian Touring Cars, Indian Junior Touring Cars and Super Stock. Races in these three categories will be run concurrently from a combined grid.

Two other categories are the MRF Saloons (Toyota Etios) and the Formula LGB 1300 which saw some of the closest races last season.

Three races

There will be three races for all the classes, offering a maximum of 75 championship points.

Meanwhile, the MMSC will be deploying MYLAPS timing equipment. "We plan to give a transponder for each competitor for the weekend against a deposit which they can return after the event.

The move is a reflection of MMSC's endeavours to constantly upgrade facilities and equipment," said Vicky Chandhok, organising committee chairman and MMSC vice-president.

Hafeez front-runner to become Pakistan's chief selector

KARACHI: Former Pakistan captain and all-rounder Mohammad Hafeez is a front-runner to become the national team's chief selector after the conclusion of the team's ongoing Sri Lanka tour.

According to sources, Hafeez is favoured by the new chairman of the Pakistan Cricket Board's Cricket Management Committee Zaka Ashraf, to be appointed as the chief selector – a post that has been lying vacant since the previous CMC was dissolved in June.

Hafeez played 55 Tests, 218 ODIs and 119 T20Is for Pakistan before retiring last year, made it clear that he would like the challenge of working as the chief selector," the source added.

Ashraf has also decided to make other changes as he is contemplating bringing in a new team manager and media manager for the Asia Cup and World Cup .

AIFF introduces under-20 national championship for men

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The All India Football Federation (AIFF), after consultations with its competition committee, has decided to introduce an U-20 national championship for men.

The tournament, to be played annually, will be known as the U-20 National Football Championship. The inaugural championship will be staged in January-February 2024.

For the current season, players born on and after January 1, 2005, and not later than December 31, 2007, will be eligible to play.

While introducing the U-20 championship, AIFF president Kalyan Chaubey said, "We are starting this tournament after extensive discussions with our technical department and competition committee."

The AIFF used to conduct an U-21 National Championship but it was discontinued a few years ago. "Our main aim behind this championship is to provide more opportunities to the footballers in the U-20 age group, who may not make the team for the senior national football championship for the Santosh Trophy for their respective states," he said.

Chaubey also pointed out that since there are two other age groups of national football championships in place for sub-juniors and juniors, this tournament will provide a perfect gateway for the upcoming footballers to enter the world of professional football.

AIFF secretary general, Shaji Prabhakaran said, "AIFF introducing the National Youth U20 Championship will further boost young players, who, unfortunately, could not participate in any competition at the youth level during the COVID period."

> Our main aim is to provide more opportunities to the footballers in the u-20 age group
>
> **KALYAN CHAUBEY**
> AIFF president

The chairman of the competition committee, Anil Kumar said, "It has always been our prime aim to involve a greater number of footballers at the national level and provide them the chance to showcase their talent at a younger age."

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7.55%* p.a.
*For Series III with tenor of 15 years for Category III (HNI Investors) and Category IV (Retail Individual Investors)

'CARE AAA; Stable' by CARE;
'CRISIL AAA/ Stable' by CRISIL;
'[ICRA AAA] (Stable)' by ICRA

About PFC
- Loan Book Size of ₹ 4,22,497.73 crore in FY 2023
- Net Worth of ₹ 68,202.23 crore in FY 2023
- Net Profit of ₹ 11,605.47 crore in FY 2023
- Nodal Agency for implementing various GoI schemes in the power sector including development of Ultra Mega Power Projects, etc.
- An Institution dedicated to funding and developing the power sector in India

Key Features of PFC NCD Public Issue
- Secured, Rated, Listed, Redeemable
- Minimum Application Size ₹ 10,000/- across all series collectively and in multiples of ₹ 1000 thereafter
- Allotment on first come first serve basis*

TRANCHE I | ISSUE OPENS ON: JULY 21, 2023
ISSUE CLOSES ON: JULY 28, 2023#

* For further details refer to section titled "Issue Related Information" on page 70 of the Tranche I Prospectus dated July 17, 2023. Allotment in the Tranche I Issue shall be made on the basis of date of upload of each application into the electronic book of the Stock Exchange in accordance with the SEBI Master Circular no. SEBI/HO/DDHS/PoD1/P/CIR/2023/119 dated August 10, 2021 as amended. However, from the date of over subscription and thereafter, the allotment will be made to the applicants on proportionate basis.
# The Tranche I Issue shall remain open for subscription on Working Days from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Indian Standard Time) during the period as indicated in the Tranche I Prospectus. The Company may, in consultation with the Lead Managers, consider closing the Tranche I Issue on such earlier date or extended date (subject to a minimum period of three working days and a maximum period of 10 working days from the date of opening of the Tranche I Issue and subject to not exceeding thirty days from filing the Tranche I Prospectus with ROC including any extensions), as may be decided by the Board of Directors of the Company or Chairman and Managing Director on recommendation of Director (Finance), subject to relevant approvals, in accordance with Regulation 33A of the SEBI NCS Regulations. In the event of an early closure or extension of the Tranche I Issue, the Company shall ensure that notice of the same is provided to the prospective investors through an advertisement in all the newspapers in which pre-issue advertisement for opening of the Tranche I Issue has been given on or before such earlier or initial date of Tranche I Issue closure. On the Tranche I Issue Closing Date, the Application Forms will be accepted only between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. (Indian Standard Time) and uploaded until 5:00 p.m. (Indian Standard Time) or such extended time as may be permitted by the Stock Exchange. Further, pending mandate requests for bids placed on the last day of bidding will be validated by 5:00 p.m. (Indian Standard Time). on one Working Day post the Tranche I Issue Closing Date. For further details please refer to the section titled "General Information" on page 19 of the Tranche I Prospectus. Capitalised terms not defined herein shall have the same meaning as assigned to such terms in the Shelf Prospectus and Tranche I Prospectus, both dated July 17, 2023.
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